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漫画を描く中でも、好きな作業というのがある。一番はベタ塗り　髪ソヤや服のンワ、物の立体影などは自分で塗ります。他に一部のトーンワーク　ちゃんと描きたい背景画も時間が許す時は自分で描く事があります。とはいえ、やはり厳しい週刊連載。任せられる人がいれば、こういった作業は回して楽にもなりたい。やりたいかやりたくないそんな微妙な感覚の仕事なのです。

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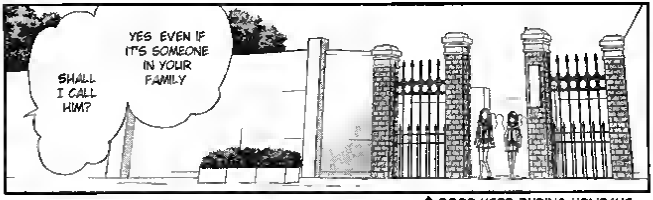
ON AN AFTERNOON AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST,
I CAME TO SEINAGI PRIVATE SCHOOL BY TAKING THE BUS THROUGH THE MOUTAIN ROAD
We've already seen this some-where
SEINAGI HIGH IS THE SCHOOL MY BROTHER ATTENDS
IT TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF TO GET THERE FROM MY HOUSE...
M:58 KUZUMI KOKUHA IS KOKUHA KUZUMI*
BECAUSE I'M NOT A STUDENT OF SEINAGI.
BUT THEN AGAIN, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME

*TL NOTE: SAME KIND OF FUN AS IN THE CHAPTER 2 TITLE KOKUHAKU=ZUMI MEANING CONFESSING

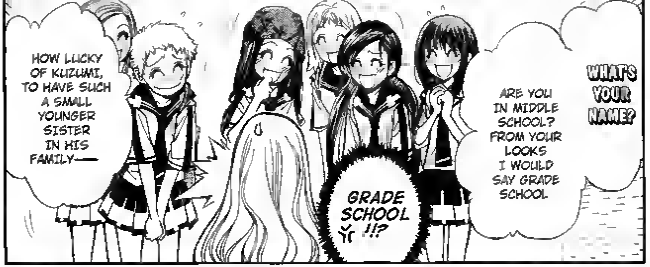
BOYS ARE LUCKY, THEY JUST HAVE TO GUARD THE LOWER PART.
GIRLS HAVE TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS TO GUARD AGAINST X-RAY MAGIC,
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SUMMER HOLIDAYS
SHALL WE GO BACK TO COOL OUR-SELVES?
HAA— TODAY'S HOT TOO
YEAH.



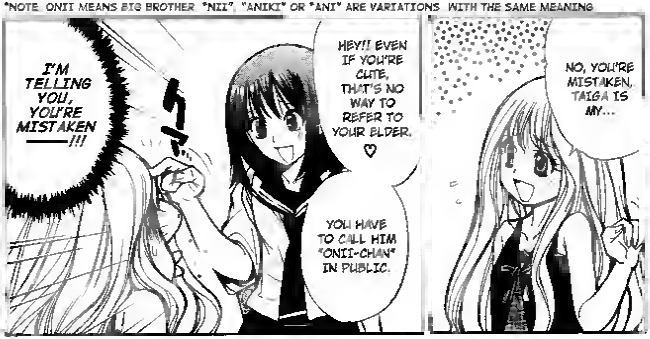
BREAKING INTO SUMMER HOLIDAYS. ↗

↑ DOOR USED DURING HOLIDAYS

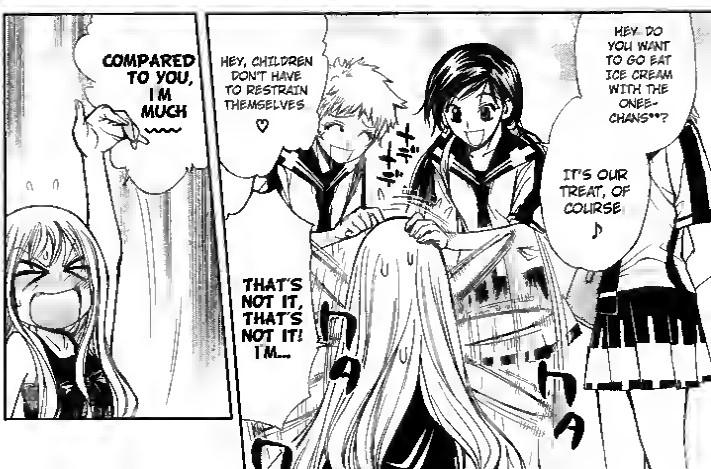
Yes?
EXCUSE ME ~~ COULD IT BE YOU'RE KUZUMI-KUN'S SISTER?
YEAH, I'M TAIGA'S SISTER.
KYA ~~~~!!! SO CUTE ~~~~!!!
NO WAY.♡ HE HAS SUCH A CUTE YOUNGER SISTER?
HU... HUM ~~~
I'M HIS OLDER SISTER
LET ME SEE LET ME SEE!!


WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ARE YOU IN MIDDLE SCHOOL? FROM YOUR LOOKS I WOULD SAY GRADE SCHOOL
GRADE SCHOOL !!?
HOW LUCKY OF KUZUMI, TO HAVE SUCH A SMALL YOUNGER SISTER IN HIS FAMILY——

*NOTE: ONII MEANS BIG BROTHER. "NII", "ANIKI" OR "ANI" ARE VARIATIONS WITH THE SAME MEANING.


NO, YOU'RE MISTAKEN. TAIGA IS MY...
HEY!! EVEN IF YOU'RE CUTE, THAT'S NO WAY TO REFER TO YOUR ELDER. ♡
YOU HAVE TO CALL HIM "ONII-CHAN" IN PUBLIC.
I'M TELLING YOU, YOU'RE MISTAKEN——!!!

*NOTE: ONII MEANS BIG BROTHER. "NII", "ANIKI" OR "ANI" ARE VARIATIONS WITH THE SAME MEANING. IT IS ALSO USED BY YOUNG KIDS IN JAPAN TO ADDRESS OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT OF THEIR OWN FAMILY.


HEY, DO YOU WANT TO GO EAT ICE CREAM WITH THE ONEE-CHANS**?
IT'S OUR TREAT, OF COURSE ♪
HEY, CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TO RESTRAIN THEMSELVES ♡
THAT'S NOT IT, THAT'S NOT IT! I'M...
COMPARED TO YOU, I'M MUCH

**NOTE: "ONEE" MEANS BIG SISTER. "ANEKI" OR "ANE", "NEE" ARE VARIATIONS WITH THE SAME MEANING. "ONII" AND "ONEE" ARE COMMONLY USED BY YOUNG KIDS IN JAPAN TO ADDRESS OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT OF THEIR OWN FAMILY.

GRR~~~!!! THEY'RE MAKING A FOOL OF ME BECAUSE I'M SHORT~~~
WHO'S THE ONEE-CHAN HERE...? SINCE YOU'RE TAIGA'S FRIENDS, YOU'RE THREE YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME!!
EVEN IF YOU EAT ICE CREAM YOU WON'T BECOME TALL LIKE US, YOUR ONEE-CHANS
I'M TELLING YOU YOU'RE WRONG
HUH? COMPARED TO US, YOU EAT MUCH MORE? THAT'S NOT GOOD YOU'LL HURT YOUR STOMACH
GEEZ SO LOVELY
じっ…
ピク
DID SHE NOTICE IT!? THE MIS-UNDER-STANDING BECAUSE I'M SHORT!!
OOH!! A FELLOW SHORTY !!
しい
YES, SOMEONE WITH THE SAME CIRCUM-STANCES AS ME SHOULD UNDERSTAND MY TROUBLES

You unders
HAU...
HA...
GOOD GIRL
GOOD GIRL
FUHI!
HIIIIIIIIIIN!!!

FWAAAA!!!
OH MY, WHAT'S WRONG?
FWAAA!!!
DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT?
IT'S SO VEXING! BY SUCH A BUNCH OF BRATS ～!!!
HIII～N
HIII～N
OHH, THE GIRLS ARE MAKING A KID CRY?
TH, THAT'S NOT IT
!!?
NO WAY ...
NEE-CHAN !?

HUH?
NEE...
FU
GA
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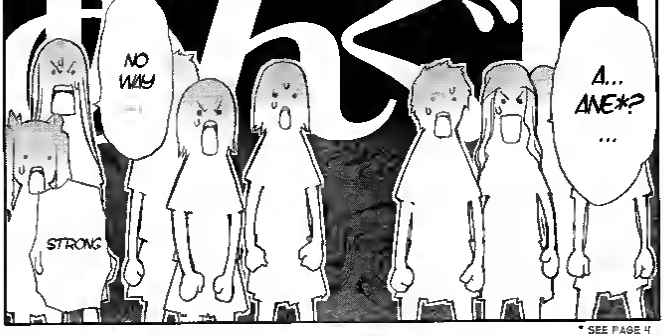
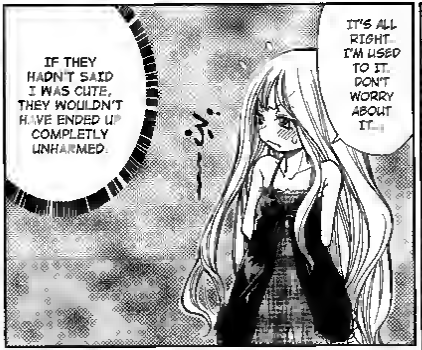
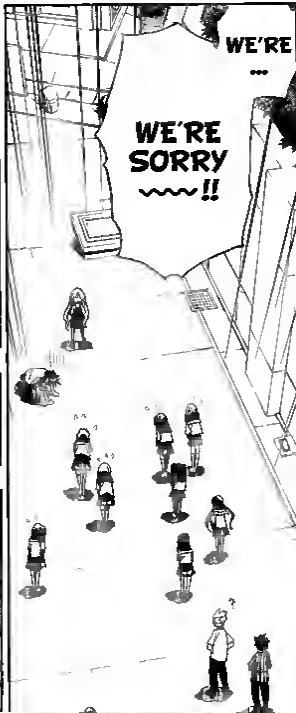
!!!

GEFU!
NGYA!
YOUR FRIENDS ARE A BUNCH OF BRATS THAT HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THEIR ELDERS.
TEACH THEM CAREFULLY ...
NGAG ...
GIVE ME A BREAK NEE-CHAN ...

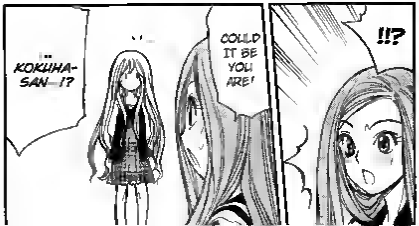

NO WAY
STRONG
A... ANE*?
...

* SEE PAGE 4


IF THEY HADN'T SAID I WAS CUTE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP COMPLETLY UNHARMED.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'M USED TO IT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...


WE'RE ...
WE'RE SORRY ~~~!!

SHE TWISTED KUZUMI IN A SECOND. WHERE DOES ALL THAT POWER COME FROM IN SUCH A SMALL BODY ?
THAT WAS DANGEROUS


... KOKUHA-SAN...!?
COULD IT BE YOU, ARE!
!!?

WHEN COMING OUT OF THE JUNIOR KARATE TOURNAMENT, YOU HAD TO KNOW THE RUMORED RISING GIRL.
YOU KNOW I WAS LEARNING KARATE IN GRADE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
YOU KNOW HER, KUMI?
YEAH, THAT'S ME, BUT
IT SEEMS THAT RECENTLY, SHE WON THE GENERAL TOURNAMENT EVEN THOUGH SHE'S ONLY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE ELSE WITH SUCH AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY DESPITE SUCH A SHORT BODY.
BUT WELL KOKUHA-CHAN'S STRENGTH WASN'T COMMON.
TRUE, TRUE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH A STRONG GIRL SINCE KOKUHA-CHAN
OH MY ~~~ YOU ARE STRONG
HE BECAME STRONG BECAUSE OF THAT.
THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN SHE HAD SPARE TIME AT HOME SHE USED TO PRACTICE HER SKILLS AGAINST ME
I'M STRONG RIGHT?
WELL, WINNING THE TOURNAMENT WASN'T THAT HARD.
SHORTY
AMONGST THE MARTIAL ARTS PEOPLE, SHE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE LEGENDARY SHORTY FIGHTER.
HEEP THAT'S AWESOME

EVEN FOR A BIT.
PLEASE HAVE A ROUND WITH ME SOME TIME!!
HUH?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
HM～? IT'S FINE, BUT……
IT SEEMS YOU LACK TRAINING.
HYAH!
THIS CAN'T BE HELPED …

FORTIFY YOUR BODY SOME MORE OR YOU WILL GET HURT.
IF YOU DO THAT, SURE.
Y-YES !!
I'LL CONCENTRATE!
ANYWAY WHY DID YOU COME?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? TODAY'S THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME!!
HII... IT WAS TODAY ...
IN CHARGE OF THE LUCK GAUGE
BUT I THOUGHT
MAYBE I'LL MEET . THAT PERSON.
THAT PERSON ?
YOU KNOW, WHEN I BROUGHT YOU THAT THING YOU FORGOT WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR EXAM?
BUT YOU COULD HAVE CALLED
HM... WELL THAT'S TRUE...

I THOUGHT I MIGHT MEET HIM AGAIN UNEXPECTEDLY~~~
I THINK ABOUT WHA~~~T IF HE HEARD ME AT THAT MOMENT.
AT THAT MOMENT, I HAD FOUND A GOO~~~D LOOKING TEACHER.
WELL, I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS THOUGH~~~
BUT, IF BY ANY CHANCE~~~
URG~~~ I'M STILL FEELING THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF KUZUMI'S MEMORY BACK CASE...
FOR ME TO HAVE HAD MY MEMORY ERASED BY THE PRINCIPAL... IT'S A ONCE IN A LIFETIME FAILURE.
BUT THE PRINCIPAL IS THE PRINCIPAL... THOUGH THE POSSIBILITY FOR HIM TO COME WAS REALLY SLIM, SHE SPECIALLY ERASED MY MEMORY OF HIS FACE FOR THAT MOMENT...
FOR OVERUSING IT, I'LL NEED TO REPAIR MY PLATE A LOT DURING THE HOLIDAYS BEFORE USING IT...

AAH!! IT'S THAT TEACHER
!?
バリッ
AIKA! PERFECT TIMING, I CAME TO PICK YOU UP.
KYAA
...EEH!? DADDY HIIRAGI !!?
HA... HA... HUUUM...

IF IT'S FINE WITH YOU...
WOULD YOU MIND HAVING LUNCH WITH ME SOME TIME?
PLEASE, GO PLAY HOUSE WITH YOUR GRADE SCHOOL FRIENDS!
ロリ
GEH!!
HM? SHE'S IN KINDER-GARTEN NOT GRADE SCHOOL?
STOP DAD! IF YOU SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT ...!!
WHOSE SISTER IS SHE? DON'T BRING SUCH A KID NEAR THE SCHOOL.
No good, run away everyone !!

GRRRRR!!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
?

KUZUMI'S OLDER SISTER'S RUMORED STRENGTH!!
GYAA ...
NGUGA ~~~!!!

IF MAGIC COULD BE USED OUTSIDE, EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT THIS ANE* WOULD WANT TO GROW TALLER, BUT NOBODY SAID ANYTHING
HAHA YOU'LL SURELY FIND A NICE MAN SOMEDAY
FU HI!
A~~~HI TAIGA~~~~!! I'VE BEEN REJECTED——
WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?
BEAT UP

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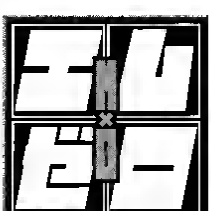
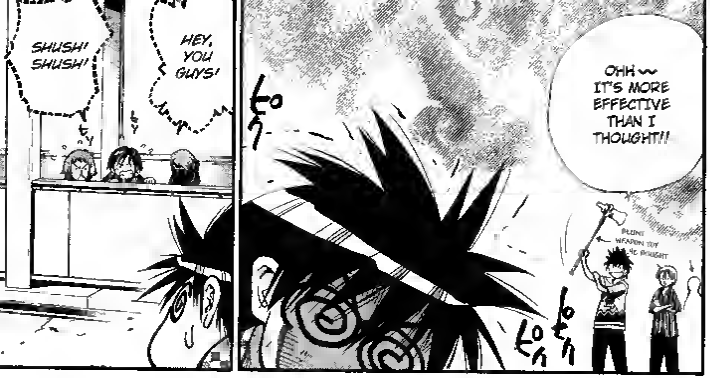


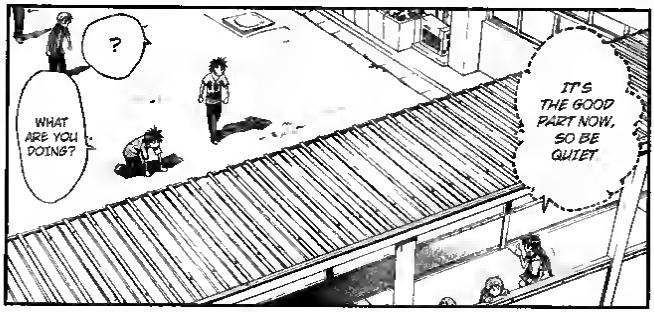
(SUMMARY)
KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC. BUT IN THE SCHOOL HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
SEINAGI HIGH ENTERED IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. BUT STUDENTS ARE DOING MAGIC SELF-TRAINING.
KUZUMI, WHO IS THOUGHT TO BE AN EXPERT MAGIC USER BY EVERYONE, IS IN A TOUGH SITUATION BECAUSE HE IS BEING FORCED TO PARTICIPATE!!

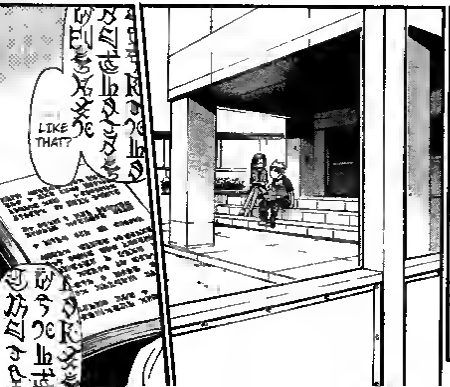
M:59 SKATEBOARD-KUN AND MEGANE-CHAN*

NOTE: MEGANE MEANS GLASSES. SO IF WE REALLY WANTED TO PUT IT FULLY IN ENGLISH THE TITLE WOULD BE "MR. SKATEBOARD AND MISS GLASSES"

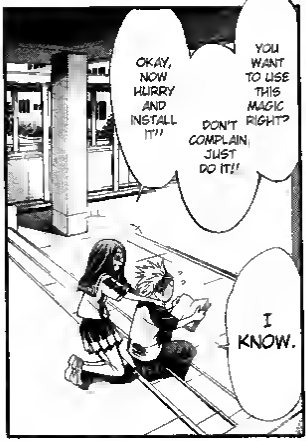
I...IDIOT! I'M TELLING YOU TO WAIT!!
A RIFT IN THE MEN'S FRIENDSHIP!?
DON'T RUN AWAY KUZUMI! I'M TESTING MY NEW MAGIC.
YOU JUST HAVE TO GUARD YOURSELF.
DON'T MAKE ME A GUINEA PIG ～～～!!!
GOLDEN HAMMER!
NGYA!!


SHUSH! SHUSH!
HEY, YOU GUYS!
OHH ~~ IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE THAN I THOUGHT!!
BLUNT WEAPON TOY MAGIC WAND


?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S THE GOOD PART NOW, SO BE QUIET

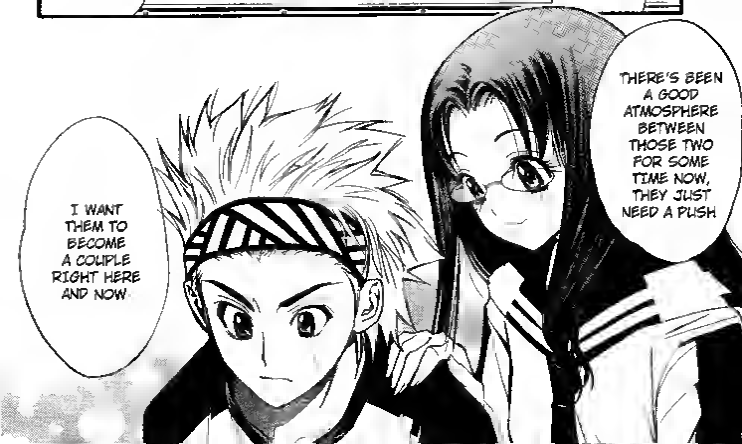

LIKE THAT?

WHISPER DON'T SHOUT! WE'LL BE SPOTTED
AND LOWER YOUR RIGHT


OKAY, NOW HURRY AND INSTALL IT!!
YOU WANT TO USE THIS MAGIC RIGHT?
DON'T COMPLAIN, JUST DO IT!!
I KNOW.

YEAH, THAT'S FINE.
ISN'T THIS SPELL QUITE COMPLICATED ?

DON'T BE STUPID. IT'S JUST STARTING TO HEAD IN THAT DIRECTION
WH- ARE THEY THEY DATING !?
TSUGAWA AND THE CLASS REP?
GOOD, GOOD. NICE FEELING.
KEEP PUSHING, CLASS REP!


I WANT THEM TO BECOME A COUPLE RIGHT HERE AND NOW.
THERE'S BEEN A GOOD ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THOSE TWO FOR SOME TIME NOW, THEY JUST NEED A PUSH

FURTHERMORE, WITH THE CLASS REP, THIS IS REALLY TOO MUCH!!
WH... WHAAAT? TSUGAWA WITH A GIRL!??
I-DIOT! STOP THAT. WE'RE GOING TO GET CAUGHT!!
HEY! TSU ...
BRING HIM BACK? WHERE TO?
HEY, KUZUMI, LET'S GO BRING TSUGAWA BACK!
TO THE WORLD OF MEN'S FRIENDSHIP, OF COURSE!
ANYWAY, IT'S STILL TOO EARLY NOW.
HEY, DON'T DO ANY UNNECESSARY THINGS!!
WHAT A PATHETIC BUNCH.
HA... YOU UNPOPULAR GUYS ARE GETTING DESPERATE BECAUSE HE MIGHT GET ONE BEFORE YOU?
DON'T BE SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD ABOUT IT ~~~!!!
HUH?
I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT !!
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU GIRLS ARE IN ANOTHER WORLD!!

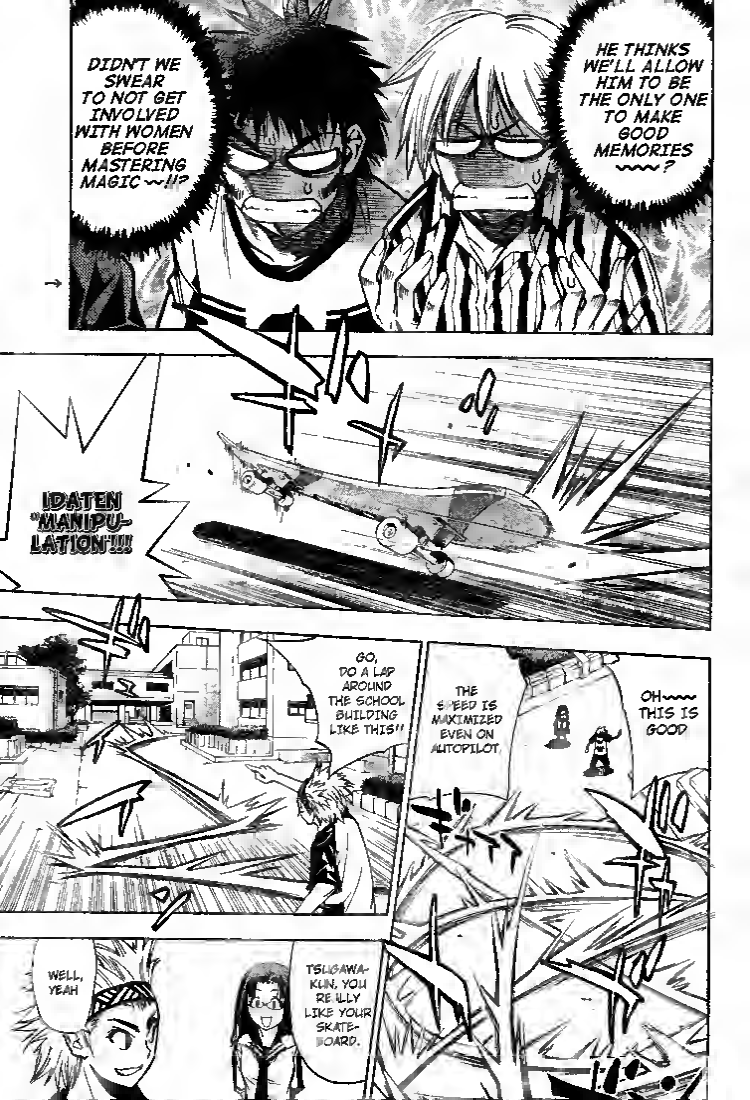
Ahh, enough! You are in the way!!!
CALLIGRA-PHER'S SOUL!!!
SIGN REFEL

YEAH, LET'S FINISH IN ONE GO WHILE THE NUISANCES AREN'T AROUND!
AFTER THEM !!

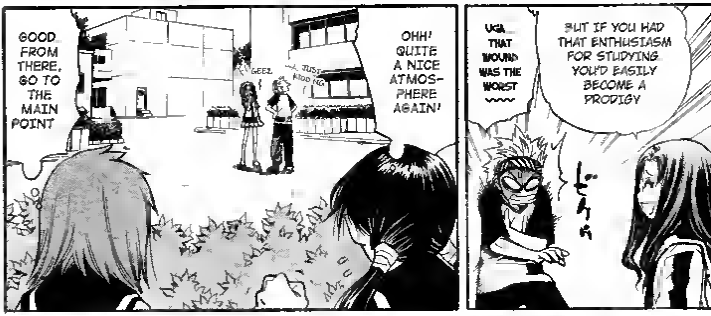
SINCE WHEN !?
AH!! LOOK, THEY'RE GONE!

DA~~~ I GOT IT, I GOT IT!
IT'S NOT GOOD ~~~~!! YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR OUR FRIENDSHIP TO BREAK~~!?
GOLDEN HAMMER!

ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING? JUST LEAVE
AT THIS RATE, TSUGAWA WILL HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND.
LET'S GO AFTER THEM TOO!!

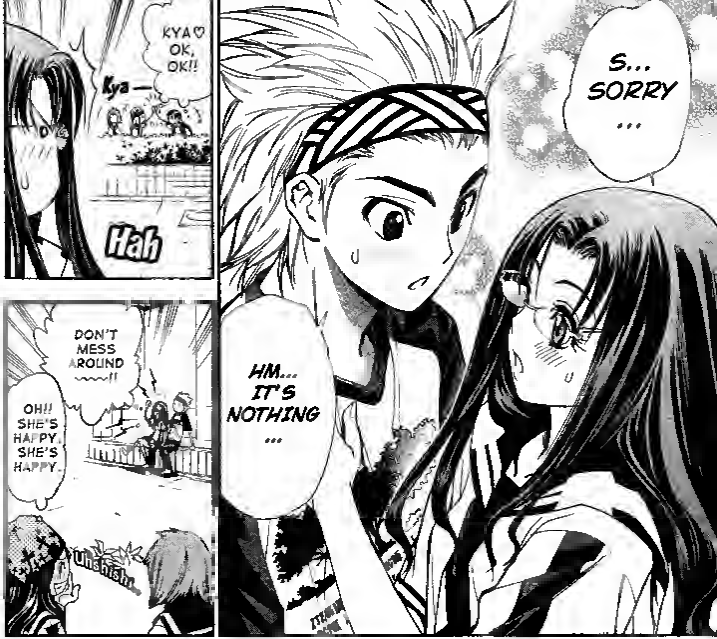

DIDN'T WE SWEAR TO NOT GET INVOLVED WITH WOMEN BEFORE MASTERING MAGIC～!!?
HE THINKS WE'LL ALLOW HIM TO BE THE ONLY ONE TO MAKE GOOD MEMORIES～～～?
IDATEN "MANIPU-LATION"!!!
GO, DO A LAP AROUND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LIKE THIS!!
THE SPEED IS MAXIMIZED EVEN ON AUTOPILOT.
OH～～～ THIS IS GOOD
WELL, YEAH
TSUBAWA-KUN, YOU RE ILLY LIKE YOUR SKATE-BOARD.

I HAVE BEEN WITH IDATENGOU SINCE GRADE SCHOOL
I'M UNEASY WHEN I'M NOT WITH IT...
I GOT SCRATCHES ALL OVER MY BODY THE FIRST TIME I RODE IT
THE MOST AWESOME IS THIS ONE!! IT'S STILL VISIBLE, SEE?
UWA LOOKS PAINFUL...


BUT IF YOU HAD THAT ENTHUSIASM FOR STUDYING YOU'D EASILY BECOME A PRODIGY
UGA... THAT WOUND WAS THE WORST
OHH! QUITE A NICE ATMOSPHERE AGAIN!
GOOD. FROM THERE, GO TO THE MAIN POINT
BEEP.
TSUGAWA KYOUKO

AT THIS RATE, IT WILL BE TOUGH FOR THE GIRL THAT'LL BECOME YOUR GIRL-FRIEND!!
TREATING YOUR INJURIES DAY AFTER DAY...
OHH!! STRAIGHT TO THE GOAL!!!
AH~ I CAN DEAL WITH IT MYSELF.
AH. I SEE.
DA~~~!!! DON'T BREAK THE CONVER-SATION, TSUGAWA~~~!!!

REALLY? THEN...
ALL RIGHT, NEXT IT'S MY TURN TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR INSTALL.
ALL RIGHT! LET'S PITCH IN AND HELP!!
ANOTHER PUSH IS NEEDED!!
AH!
HUH.
HUH? WA...
MINUTE HENGE!!! GULL WING !!
KYA ...



HUH? CLASS REP, YOUR LIPS.
OH NO I THOUGHT ABOUT SETTLING THINGS TODAY, SO I PUT SOME GLOSS ON TO ACCENT THEM
HE MIGHT MIS-INTERPRET IT IN A STRANGE WAY
YOU ATE TEMPURA* AT NOON RIGHT?
WIPE THEM PROP-ERLY.
SO~ HE CAME UP WITH THAT~!!!

*NOTE: TEMPURA IS SEAFOOD AND VEGETABLES DEEP FRIED IN TEMPURA BATTER.
SO FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. TSUGAWA THOUGHT HER LIPS WERE SHINY BECAUSE OF FAT (HE DIDN'T THINK SHE WOULD HAVE PUT GLOSS)

AH!! THE BOYS!
KA~~~ THAT STUPID SKATEBOARD GUY JUST DOESN'T GET IT!
HE'S AN ENEMY OF PURE GIRLS~~~!!
A MAN'S JEALOUSY? HOW UNSIGHTLY.
We have to stop them !!
Not good! It's an alarming situation~~~ !!
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CHANGE SEAL !!!
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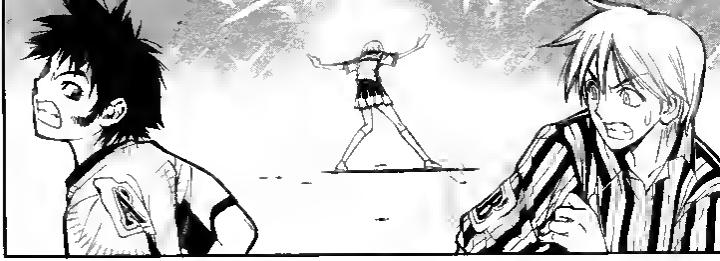
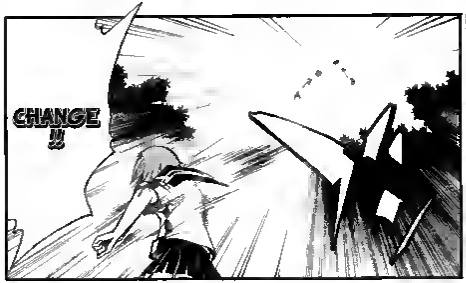
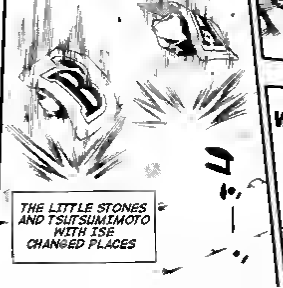
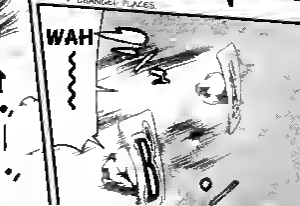
A
Move, Hikawa!!

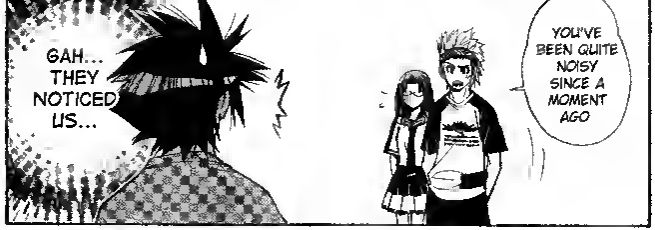




(CHANGE SEAL)
MAGIC THAT EXCHANGES THE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS OF TWO OBJECTS, PASTED WITH [*] AND [**], WITH THEIR COMPLEMENTARY OBJECTS






GAH... THEY NOTICED US...
YOU'VE BEEN QUITE NOISY SINCE A MOMENT AGO

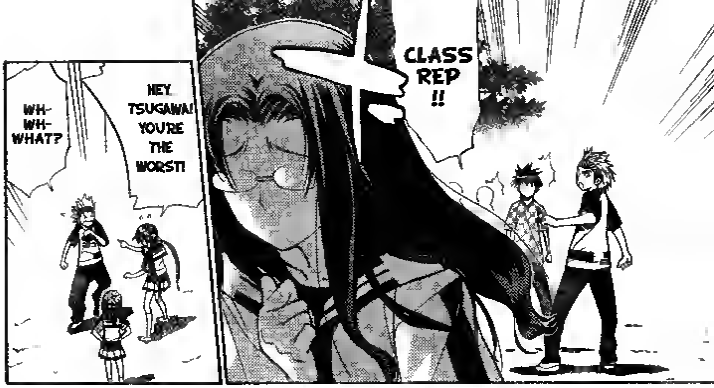
NGA ...
Don't say unneces-sary things ~~~!!
I-Idiot! What are you saying!?

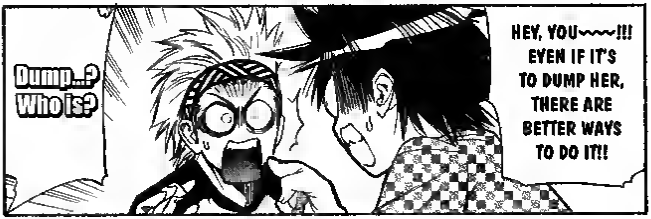
HUH!? ME AND THE CLASS REP...!?

AHAHA, IT'S NOTHING
IT'S JUST THAT TSUTSUMMOTO AND ISE WERE MAKING A FUSS TRYING TO PREVENT YOU TWO FROM GETTING TOGETHER
I WAS AGAINST IT THOUGH

SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S GOT THE JOB AS CLASS REPRESENT-ATIVE, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS, RIGHT?
DON'T SPREAD STRANGE RUMORS !!

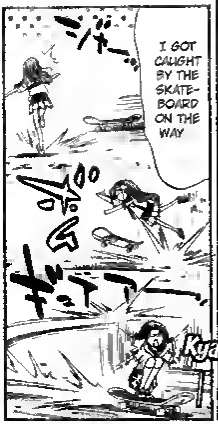
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS !!
DO YOU THINK I'D GET IT ON WITH A GIRL THAT STUDIES SO MUCH THAT SHE'S NEAR-SIGHTED !?

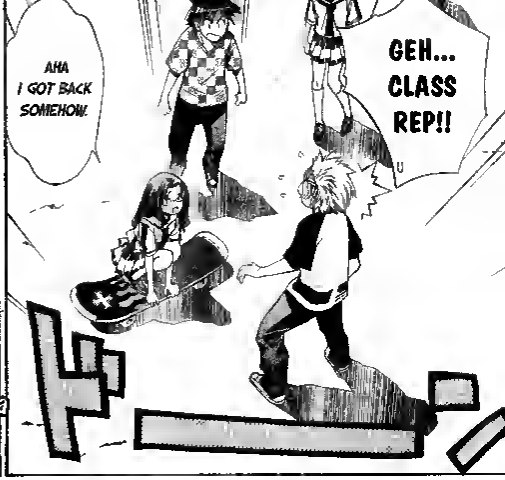

CLASS REP !!
HEY, TSUGAWA! YOU'RE THE WORST!
WH-WH-WHAT?


HEY, YOU~~~!!! EVEN IF IT'S TO DUMP HER, THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO DO IT!!
Dump...? Who is?

I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE A SHAME FOR HER TO END UP WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME!!
EVERYONE TRUSTS HER, AND EVEN MY MAGIC POWER DOESN'T MATCH HERS ...
ANYWAY... HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HER?
THEN SAY IT THAT WAY!!
WHAT YOU JUST SAID WAS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE !!
I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER, AM I?
AND I KNOW SHE'S SMART.

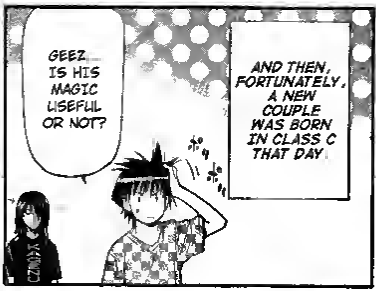
W-WELL, YOU SEE, HUM.
I THINK SHE'S NOT BAD.. NO.. BY "NOT BAD" I MEAN..
I ENJOY WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER
AND SHE HELPS ME WITH MY STUDIES AND MAGIC.
IF SHE WOULD BE MY GIRLFRIEND, I WOULD BE SUPER HAPPY!!

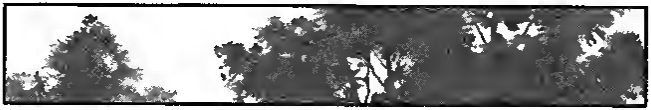

I GOT CAUGHT BY THE SKATE-BOARD ON THE WAY
Kya


AHA I GOT BACK SOMEHOW.
GEH... CLASS REP!!

THE THING S
THEN...

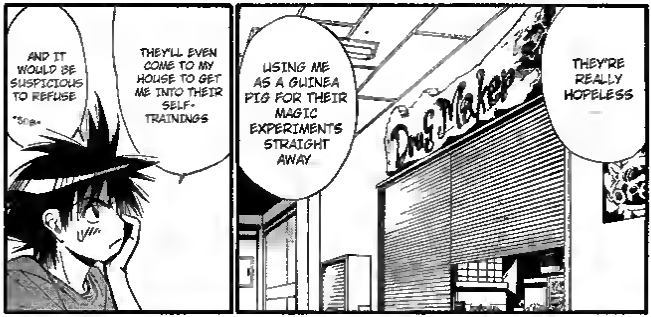
CLASS REP ~~~~ !!!
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH IT, WOULD YOU GO...
DAMN~~ IF IT'S LIKE THIS, I'LL LET MY FEELINGS RUSH ALL OUT!!!
YOU'RE A MAN, AREN'T YOU!!?
AHH, NOW IT HAS COME TO THIS, SPILL IT OUT!!

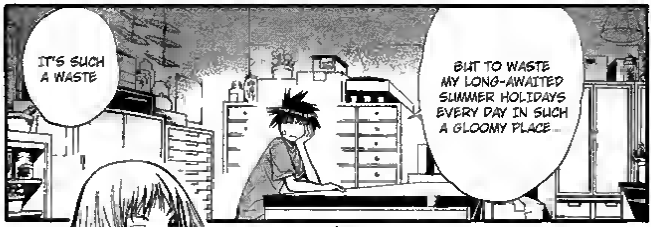


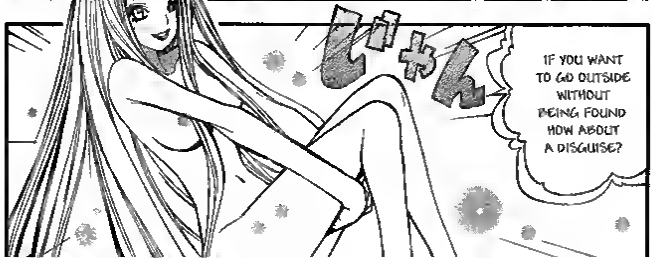


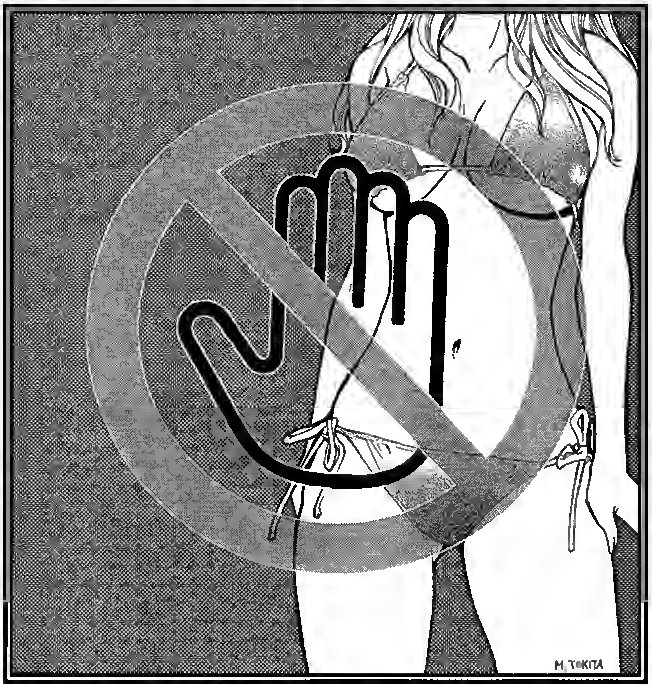
SUMMER IS THE SEASON OF LOVE♡
WILL KUZUMI RIDE ON IT'S INFLUENCE, TOO...!?

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM THE PERSISTENT GUYS FROM CLASS C, KUZUMI TOOK REFUGE IN THE DRUG MAKER CLUB ROOM, BUT...!?

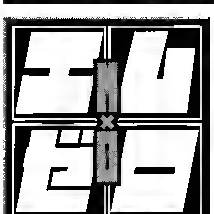

AND IT WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS TO REFUSE
Sigh
THEY'LL EVEN COME TO MY HOUSE TO GET ME INTO THEIR SELF-TRAININGS
USING ME AS A GUINEA PIG FOR THEIR MAGIC EXPERIMENTS STRAIGHT AWAY
THEY'RE REALLY HOPELESS







DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION, KUZUMI GOT INTO THE GIRL'S FLOWER GARDEN! IS THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT THERE!?



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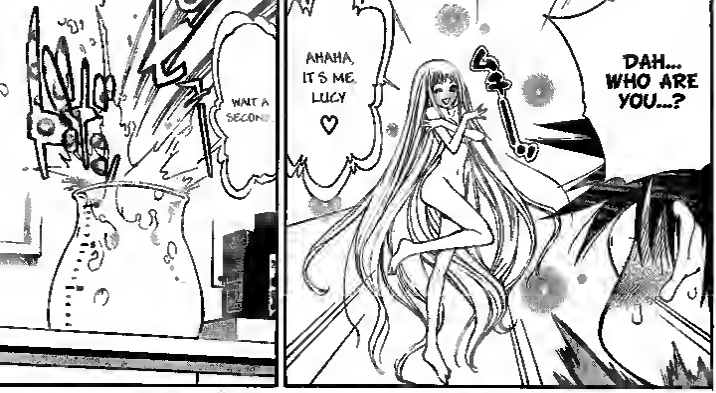
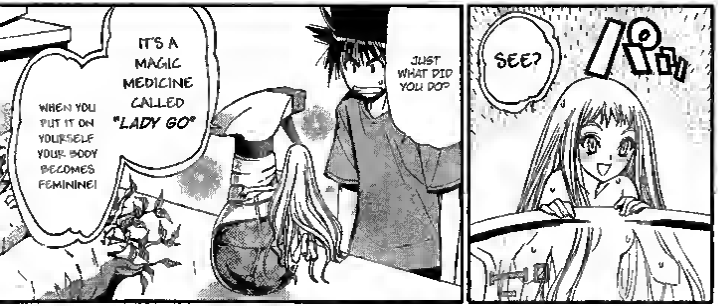
SEINAGI HIGH HAS ENTERED INTO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. BUT THE STUDENTS ARE DOING MAGIC SELF-TRAINING.
KUZUMI, THOUGHT OF AS AN EXPERT MAGIC USER BY EVERYONE, IS IN A TOUGH SITUATION BY BEING FORCED TO PARTICIPATE!!

M:60 SUMMER OASIS (BEFORE)


WAIT A SECOND
AHAHA, IT'S ME, LUCY ♡
DAH... WHO ARE YOU...?


IT'S A MAGIC MEDICINE CALLED "LADY GO"
WHEN YOU PUT IT ON YOURSELF YOUR BODY BECOMES FEMININE!
JUST WHAT DID YOU DO?
SEE?
Pon

IS IT LIKE THAT "QUICK MUSCLE" FROM BEFORE?
YOU BEING FEMININE GIVES ME THE CREEPS.
AHAHAHA
I WANTED TO TRY IT ONCE!!
THE DRUG MAKER CLUB MEMBERS MADE IT BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

*REFERENCE TO PRETTY FACE PREVIOUS MANGA BY KANOU YASUHIRO

JUST PUT ON SOME WATER AND YOU'LL BE BACK TIGHT AWAY.
HOW DO I TURN BACK TO NORMAL?
EVEN IF IT'S DISGUSTING, YOU CAN'T SEE MY REAL SHAPE.
I CAN GO OUT AND PLAY.
WITH THIS SHAPE, NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO TELL IT'S ME.
AH, BUT IT MAY BE JUST PERFECT.
I BETTER HURRY AND TURN... HUH?
GEEZ, IT'S REALLY DISGUSTING.
THAT'S IT!!!
THERE ARE SOME GIRL'S SHORTS AT THE OFFICE
THEY ARE SOME LOST & FOUND
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE UNIFORM'S TROUSERS.

UWAH
IT FEELS STRANGE
BUT THE FRESH FEELING WHEN I WALK IS NICE
DAMN~ WHERE DID KUZUMI GO?
HAH!
SHOULD WE GO SEARCH IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING?
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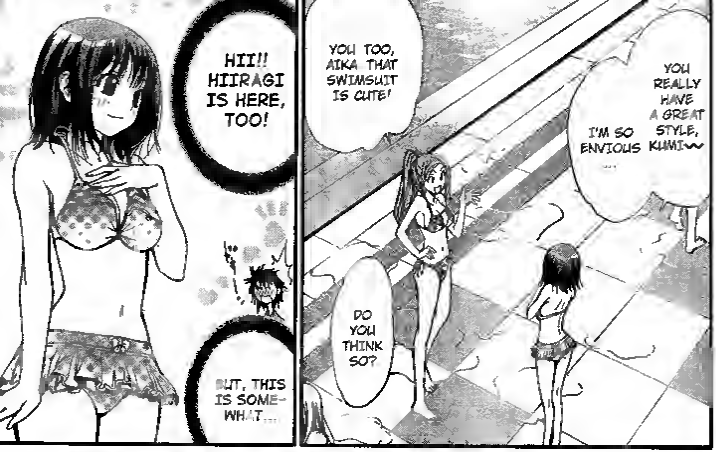
!!
THE ONE JUST NOW HAVE YOU SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE?
YEAH, I GOT THAT FEELING TOO…

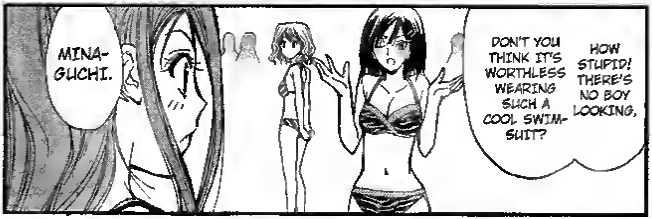
HAHAHA, IDIOTS!
IT SCARED ME
SHE'S QUITE UP TO MY TASTE, ...
THEN, SHE'S IN SECOND YEAR?
NO, THERE'S NO GIRL I DON'T KNOW IN FIRST YEAR.
A GIRL FROM ANOTHER CLASS?
I WONDER WHY?
I DON'T SEE ANY GIRLS TODAY
... HUH ?
AND WITH THIS SHAPE I CAN EVEN GO LOOK AT THE GIRL'S TRAINING ...
AHAHA~~~ I GET THE FEELING I FINALLY GOT MY LIBERTY~~~
WAH~~~ WE'RE LATE~~~ !!!
IT ALREADY STARTED!
HURRY, HURRY!
HEY!! YOU'RE LATE, TOO.
OH
WHAT !?
I KNOW IT ALREADY!!
DAH ...
WE HAVE TO HURRY OR WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IN!!

"WHAT" YOU ASK? THE POOL!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS!?
The pool!?
HII
...

WE ALWAYS HAVE TO WEAR THE ASSIGNED SWIMSUIT TO GUARD AGAINST BOY'S X-RAYS.
TODAY THE BOYS ARE FORBIDDEN TO GO IN. IT'S A GIRLS-ONLY POOL DAY.
TH... THIS IS...
BUT TODAY, THE TEACHERS ARE SETTING UP A BARRIER OUTSIDE THE POOL. THE BOYS WON'T BE ABLE TO PEEP AS LONG AS THEY DON'T GET INSIDE.
TEACHER
TEACHER
DUNNO I DON'T KNOW HER EITHER
BY THE WAY... WHO'S SHE?
LET'S GO
LET'S PUT ON OURS, TOO
I REALLY HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE FAST
TRUE.
SHE'S PROBABLY A GIRL WHO DOESN'T STAND OUT TOO MUCH FROM ANOTHER CLASS. YOU'LL HURT HER IF SHE HEARS YOU SAYING "WHO'S SHE?"
WAIT
KYAHAHA
MAN NOT SUSPECTED BECAUSE OF THAT SAME REASON

HYAAH ♪
AHA HAHA ♡ STOP IT!
I WON'T GET PUNISHED JUST FOR LOOKING A BIT
I CAN'T USE X-RAY OR ANYTHING ANYWAY
THE POOL IS REALLY THE BEST FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS!
PHEW, IT FEELS GREAT ～～～ ♪


HII!! HIIRAGI IS HERE, TOO!
BUT, THIS IS SOME-WHAT...
YOU TOO, AIKA THAT SWIMSUIT IS CUTE!
DO YOU THINK SO?
I'M SO ENVIOUS ...
YOU REALLY HAVE A GREAT STYLE, KUMI~


MINA-GUCHI.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WORTHLESS WEARING SUCH A COOL SWIM-SUIT?
HOW STUPID! THERE'S NO BOY LOOKING,

WELL, WELL WHATEVER WE SAY, WE'RE NO MATCH AGAINST "THAT"
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, CLASS F GIRLS!
OH? YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU HAVE QUITE AN ATTRACTIVE ONE, TOO.

UUUM!
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TOKITA? YOU'VE GOTTEN A HEATSTROKE RIGHT AFTER COMING
YEAH, I SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A LITTLE REST.
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, HIDE THOSE BREASTS, TOO...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD JEALOUS YOU KNOW

UUH~~~ A SUMMER OASIS THIS IS AN AWESOME PLACE TO LOSE YOUR WAY INTO...

YAN!
NG...
GEEZ~~~ GIVE ME A BREAK.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SAY IT. TO WHERE DID YOU GO WITH TSUGAWA?

"WHERE" YOU ASK?
CLASS REP
AH WAS IT THE AMUSEMENT PARK?
Who asked about a place~!?
HIII!
KYA— GEEZ~ !!
CRAP~~~ IF I GET WATER ON ME, THE MAGIC WILL WEAR OFF!
JUST PUT ON SOME WATER AND YOU'LL BE BACK RIGHT AWAY
IS SHE A DOG OR WHAT~!?
WH...
?

WAIT... WAIT... HIIRAGI IN A SWIMSUIT SO CLOSE TO ME ～～～!!!
AH, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
!!?
HII-RAGI'S BODY IS ALL WET...
DAH
!!?
SORRY, YOU HAD PUT PADS IN...
NO, HUM ...
DID THEY FALL WHEN I HIT YOU? I'LL SEARCH FOR THEM RIGHT NOW..
KYA——!!! THEY DIS-APPEARED ～!!

NEXT WILL BE AIKA AT LAST!
BUT THE CLASS REP IS SET UP NOW.
HII～!!!
HIIRAGI HAS A CANDIDATE FOR A BOYFRIEND? WHO?
!!
I'M TELLING YOU TO HURRY AND GET CLOSE TO HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
STOP PLAYING INNOCENT～～～!!!
WAIT. I DON'T HAVE ANYONE LIKE THAT

THAT WAS MEAN, KUMI!
DAH !!!
NOT GOOD !!!
FOR THIS TO HAPPEN TO TURN BACK INTO A MAN HERE
IF I SURFACE NOW~~~
GYA A BOY !!
PER-VERTED BASTARD !!

WAH!
KYA—— LET'S SWIM—— LET'S SWIM——
WILL I HAVE ENOUGH AIR...?
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ESCAPE TO A PLACE WITHOUT PEOPLE.
WH...? A MASSIVE NUMBER OF OBSTACLES HAS COME !!
AND MY OXYGEN CONSUMPTION HAS GREATLY INCREASED !!
blurp blurp...
SAVE ME !!!
DAHAAH!! I DON'T... I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AIR!
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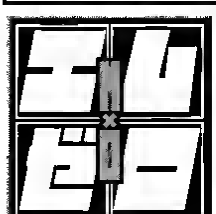
SHE'S WORRIED EVEN ON VACATIONS.
WILL SHE GO TO SCHOOL ONCE SHE RETURNS...?



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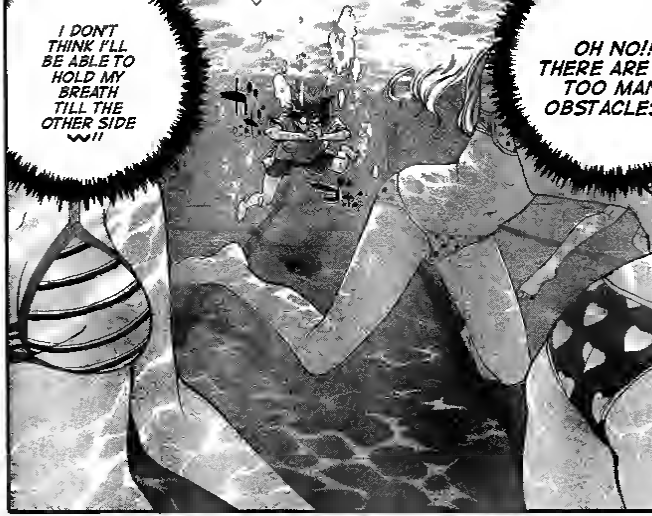
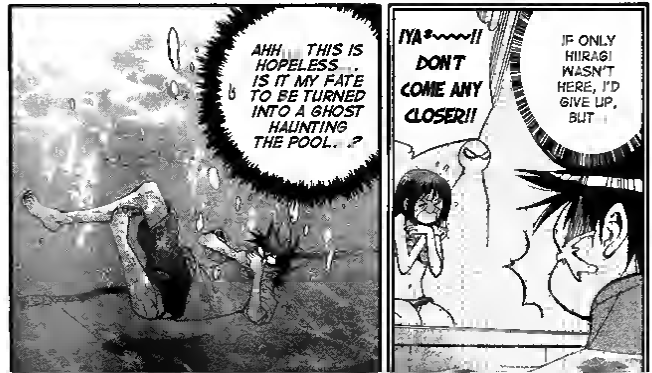
NOW IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, KUZUMI ESCAPES THE MAGIC SELF-TRAININGS BY CHANGING HIS SHAPE INTO A WOMAN'S WITH A MEDICINAL PLANT'S POWER.
BUT, BY AN UNEXPECTED EVENT, HE ENTERED INTO THE BOY-PROHIBITED POOL. !!

M:61 SUMMER OASIS (AFTER)



*NOTE IYA IS A WAY TO SAY NO!! EXPRESSING REPULSION



YEAH, IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY FUN!!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO DO IT?
I'M GOING TO RAISE THE WATER LIKE A MOUNTAIN!!
IT'LL BE KINDA LIKE AN ATTRAC-TION.
BLUE PUDDING !!
KUKUKU, A POOL REALLY HAS TO HAVE WAVES
YEAH, YEAH.
WHIRLING TIDES

SUDDEN-
LY,
THE
CURRENT
HAS
DAH
...
WHAT'S
GOING
ON
?
KYA—
Kya
!!!

HEY!! WHAT'S THIS!?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
IS IT SOME-ONE'S MAGIC?
Look!! Everyone inside is drown-ing!

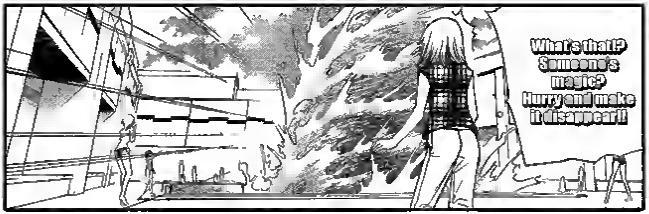
!!?
EVERYONE'S PANICKING!
!!
THE CURRENT IS TOO STRONG, SWIMMING TOWARDS THE BOTTOM IS IMPOSSIBLE!
BU-HAH!

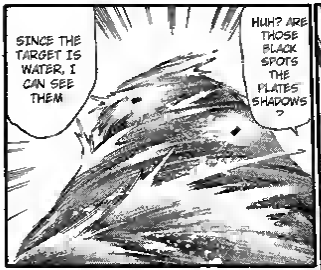
THERE'S STILL A LITTLE AMOUNT OF WATER NOT UNDER THE EFFECT!
ALL RIGHT!
URAAAA!!
!!
BUHEH... I MADE IT SOMEHOW!

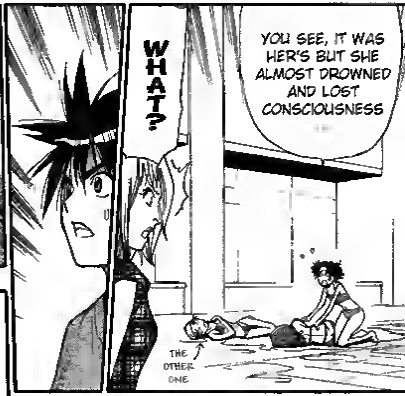
SOMEONE, TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE!!
KUZUMI-KUN, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Kuzumi, you!!
DOES HE INTEND TO RESCUE THEM ALL?
URAAA!!
LET'S GO RESCUE THEM, TOO!
EVERYONE CONFIDENT IN THEIR SWIMMING SKILLS COME!!

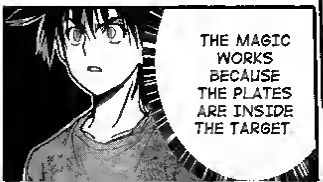
KUZUMI-KUN!!
THIS IS THE LAST ONE!!

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS...
KUZUMI-KUN... HIS BACK IS REALLY ...


What's that? Someone's magic? Hurry and make it disappear!!

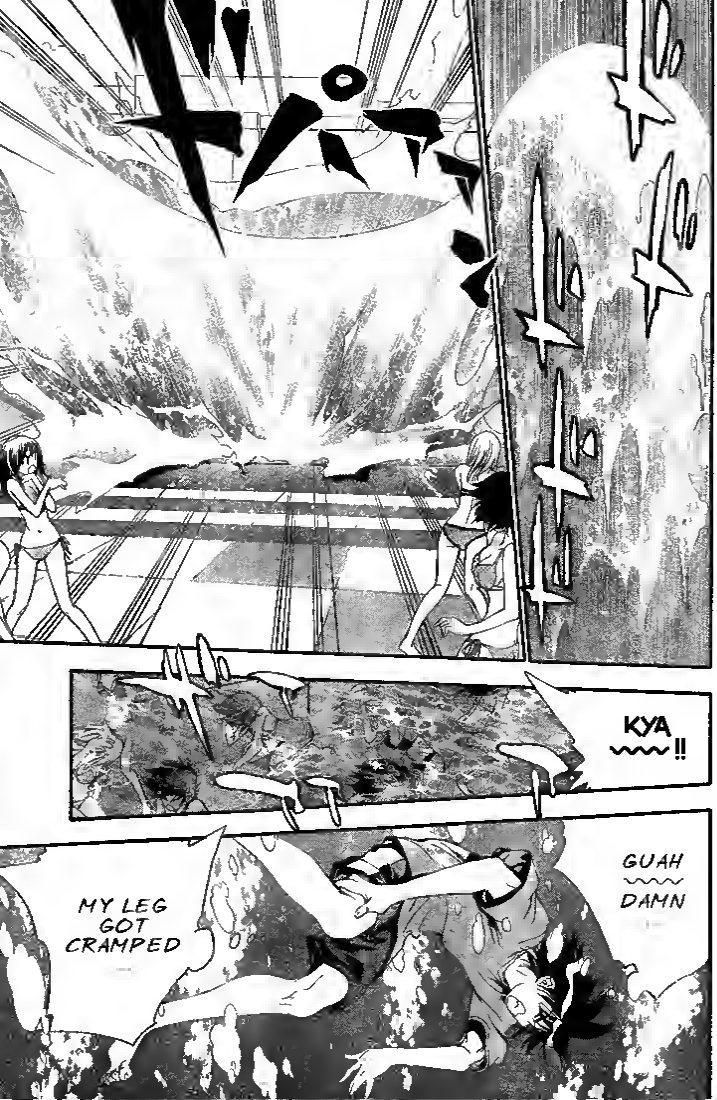

SINCE THE TARGET IS WATER, I CAN SEE THEM
HUH? ARE THOSE BLACK SPOTS THE PLATES SHADOWS ?


WHAT?
YOU SEE, IT WAS HER'S BUT SHE ALMOST DROWNED AND LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
THE OTHER ONE


THE MAGIC WORKS BECAUSE THE PLATES ARE INSIDE THE TARGET

Ki-
zumi-
kun!
IF I GET THOSE OUTSIDE, MAYBE THE MAGIC EFFECT WILL VANISH...
THERE !!
GAH ~~~~ !!!
URAA!!
Log.

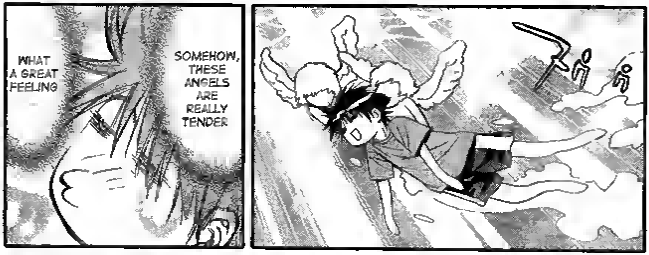
THE STIFFNESS MUST BE THIS ONE'S DOING
THE CURRENT STOPPED
Everyone! Hurry up and Step back!
IT WILL TURN INTO A TSUNAMI !!
HEEY, EVERY-ONE GET AWAY!!
URYA !!
GEEZ THE TWO MAGIC WERE ACTING TOGETHER
HII!
IT TURNED INTO ONE TROUBLE SOME PRANK

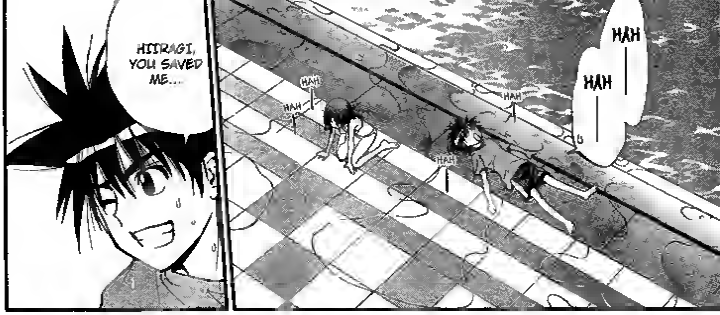

KYA
!!
GUAH
DAMN
MY LEG
GOT
CRAMPED

UWAH, HOW TERRIBLE...
KUZUMI-KUN
OH NO!!
A... Aika!!
MY LAST SIGHT BEING HIIRAGI IN A SWIMSUIT LIKE A RUBENS PICTURE IS ENOUGH...
SO MY FATE OF DROWNING IN THE POOL DIDN'T CHANGE, HUH?
AHH, PATRASH, I'M TIRED NOW...*

*NOTE: THOSE LAST 2 BUBBLES ARE A HINT TO "DOG OF FLANDERS", THE STORY OF A BOY NAMED NELLO DREAMING TO BECOME LIKE RUBENS (FAMOUS PAINTER) *"ATRASH, I'M TIRED NOW" IS A PART OF HIS LAST WORDS TO HIS DOG, NAMED " ATTASH" AFTER DYING. 7 ENGELS COME TO THEM. THIS IS KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE SADDEST ANIME ENDINGS.

NOTE AND HERE COME THE ANGELS :P




HIIRAGI, YOU SAVED ME...
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

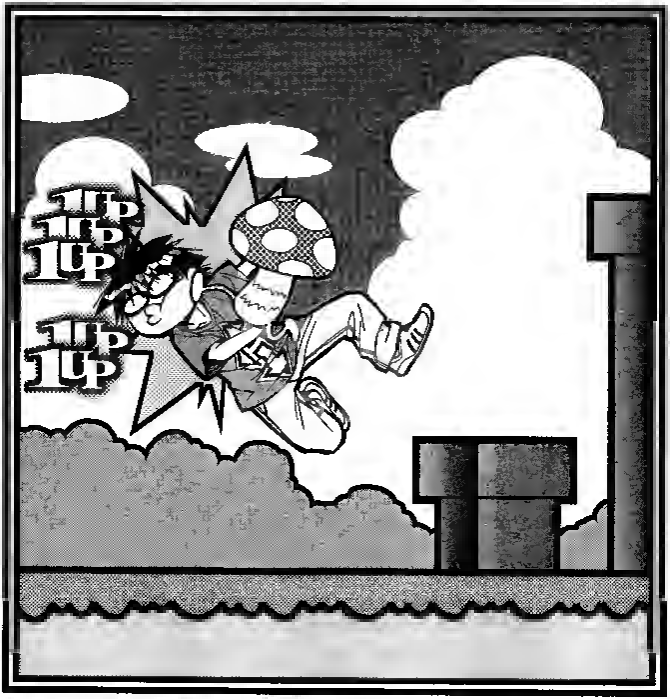
...I'M NOT SAFE AT ALL~~~!!!

WELL, WHEN I SAW IT WAS ONLY GIRLS, I GOT A LITTLE WORRIED SO I DECIDED TO HIDE AND OBSERVE JUST IN CASE
EH, YOU SEE...
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL US WHAT A BOY LIKE YOU WAS DOING HERE
PUTTING ASIDE THE RESCUING OF THE GIRLS...
IS MY YOUTH DONE FOR!?
THERE'S NO WAY THIS WILL WORK~~~
AS EXPECTED~~~!!

TRUST IS IMPORTANT!!
WE THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!
AHH, SO IT WAS THAT!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
THANKS TO YOU, IT ALL ENDED WITHOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THIS IS REALLY GREAT——
IS YOUR LEG ALL RIGHT?
UH... YEAH.
WELL I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D SNEAK IN FOR A PERVERTED PURPOSE! BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US FROM THE BEGINNING
HUH ...?
AT THAT MOMENT, KUZUMI REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT HIS USUAL ACTIONS WERE.
AHAHA
THAT'S RIGHT.
IF THAT HAD BEEN ISE WE WOULD HAVE HALF KILLED HIM WITHOUT ASKING ANYTHING THOUGH.
HEY, RUB OIL ON ME, PLEASE!
THE ICE CREAM IS FOR ME HURRY!
MY JUICE ISN'T HERE YET——?
THAT DAY, BEING A VALUABLE MALE HELPER, KUZUMI BECAME THE GIRLS' ERRAND BOY.
AFTER THAT, KUZUMI THOUGHT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS MAGNIFICENT SUMMER OASIS TO THE FULLEST, BUT...

NEXT TIME A NEW ARC RUSHES IN! WHAT WILL KUZUMI FACE...!?

IF YOU TAKE THIS MUSHROOM, YOU'LL POWER UP.
HUH? THIS MUSHROOM IS AN ENEMY!?



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Chapter 30

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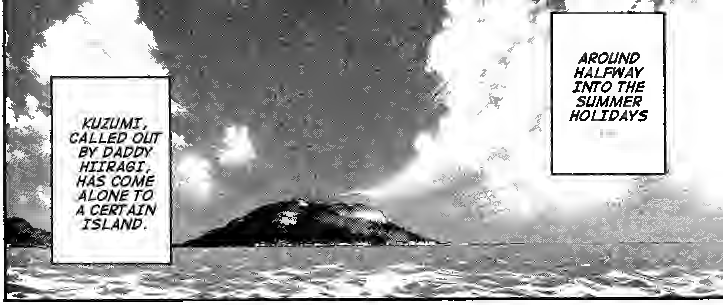
SEINAN HIGH HAS ENTERED INTO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, BUT STUDENTS ARE DOING MAGIC SELF-TRAINING.
KUZUMI, THOUGHT OF AS AN EXPERT MAGIC USER BY EVERYONE, IS IN A TOUGH SITUATION BY BEING FORCED TO PARTICIPATE!!

M:62 M8, A ROAD OF THORNS

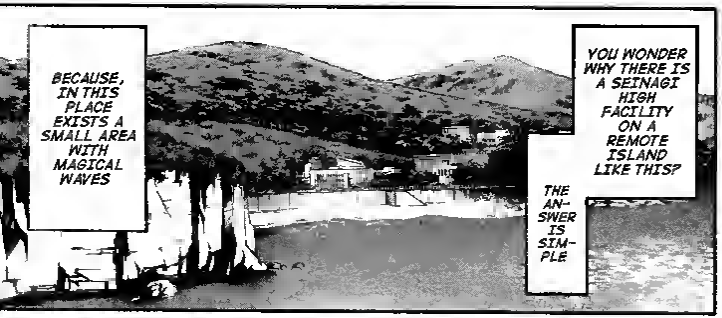

AROUND HALFWAY INTO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
KUZUMI, CALLED OUT BY DADDY HIIRAGI, HAS COME ALONE TO A CERTAIN ISLAND.

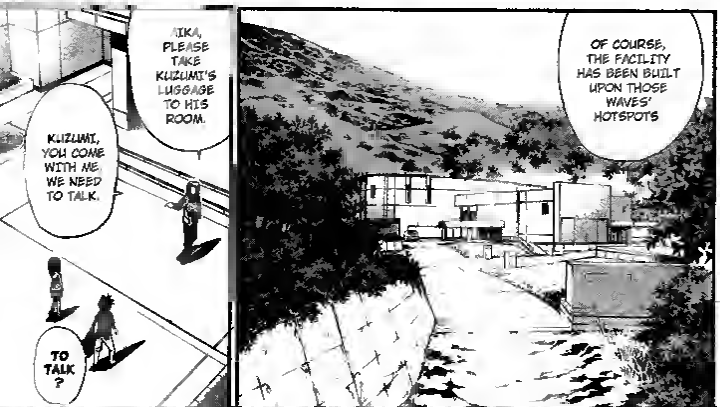
IF DADDY HIIRAGI WANTED TO CALL ME, HE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PICKED ME UP FROM HOME.
TO BE CALLED OUT TO SUCH A RIDICULOUS FAR-AWAY ISLAND...
AFTER LEAVING AT DAWN, IT TOOK ME A WHOLE DAY TO GET HERE...

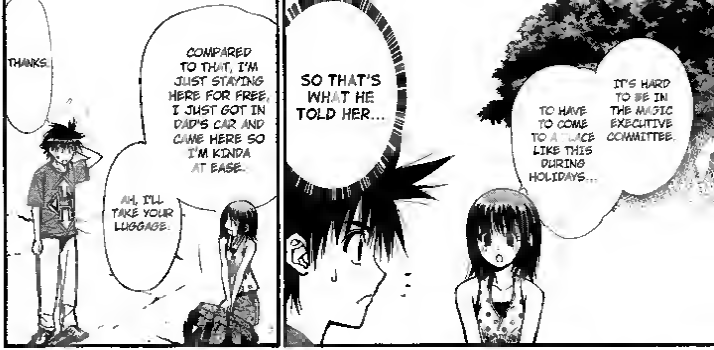
HIIRAGI !!! YOU CAME HERE, TOO!?
WHA-
OVER HERE!
AH, HE'S HERE! KUZUMI- KUUUN!!

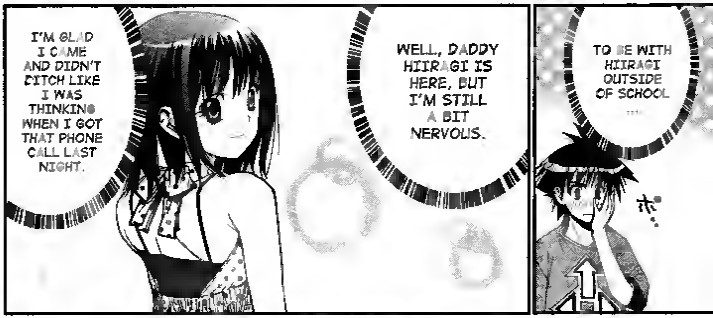
AH, SO IT'S THAT
IT'S KINDA LIKE I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A TRIP TOO!
YEAH, AS DAD'S ESCORT!

HERE, FAR-AWAY FROM MOUNT SEINAGI, ON FUSHIKI ISLAND, THERE IS A TRAINING FACILITY FOR SEINAGI HIGH'S PERSONNEL.
SO, YOU'RE HERE.
HURRY AND GET IN THE CAR.
THE FACILITY IS UP AHEAD.


YOU WONDER WHY THERE IS A SEINAGI HIGH FACILITY ON A REMOTE ISLAND LIKE THIS?
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE
BECAUSE, IN THIS PLACE EXISTS A SMALL AREA WITH MAGICAL WAVES


OF COURSE, THE FACILITY HAS BEEN BUILT UPON THOSE WAVES' HOTSPOTS
IKA, PLEASE TAKE KUZUMI'S LUGGAGE TO HIS ROOM.
KUZUMI, YOU COME WITH ME. WE NEED TO TALK.
TO TALK ?

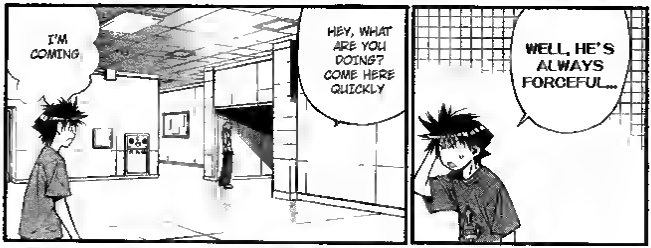

THANKS.
COMPARED TO THAT, I'M JUST STAYING HERE FOR FREE. I JUST GOT IN DAD'S CAR AND CAME HERE SO I'M KINDA AT EASE.
AH, I'LL TAKE YOUR LUGGAGE.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD HER...
TO HAVE TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS DURING HOLIDAYS...
IT'S HARD TO BE IN THE MUSIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

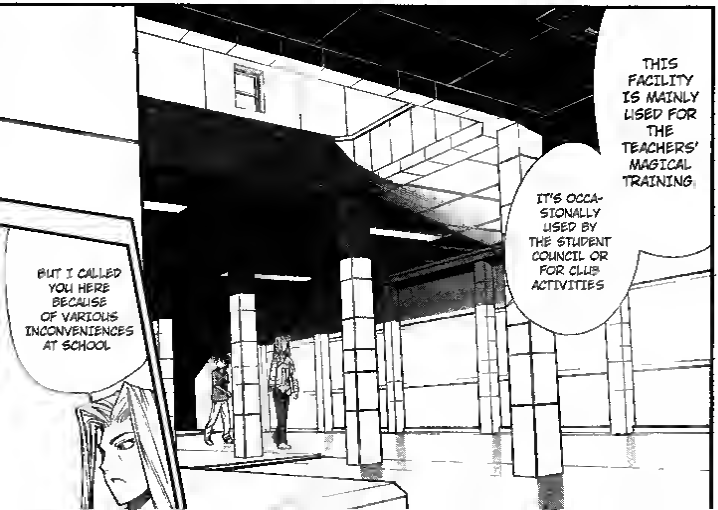

I'M GLAD I CAME AND DIDN'T PITCH LIKE I WAS THINKING WHEN I GOT THAT PHONE CALL LAST NIGHT.
WELL, DADDY HIIRAGI IS HERE, BUT I'M STILL A BIT NERVOUS.
TO BE WITH HIIRAGI OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ....

*BULLET TRAIN

EVEN IF I TAKE A SHINKANSEN* ISN'T IT GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN HALF A DAY TO COME TO THAT CRAZY FAR-AWAY PLACE?
THE TRAVELLING FEE IS GOING TO BE COVERED BY THE SCHOOL? THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE...
HUH~~? A SPECIAL TRAINING?

I'LL SEND THE INFORMATION THROUGH FAX, SO GET HERE BY TOMORROW
WA.... HEY!!
I DON'T MIND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COME IT'S JUST THAT YOU WON'T GET MY HELP STARTING SECOND SEMESTER


I'M COMING
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME HERE QUICKLY
WELL, HE'S ALWAYS FORCEFUL...

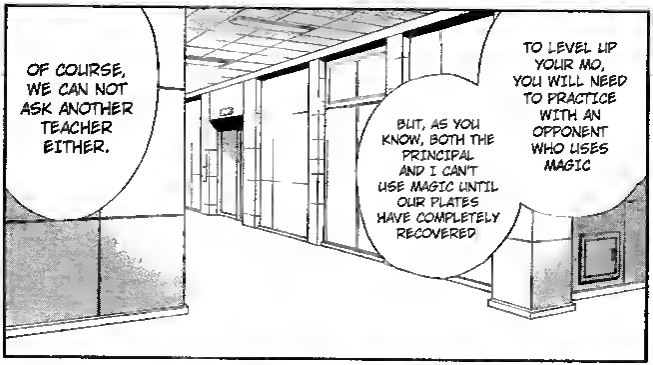

BUT I CALLED YOU HERE BECAUSE OF VARIOUS INCONVENIENCES AT SCHOOL
IT'S OCCASIONALLY USED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL OR FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES
THIS FACILITY IS MAINLY USED FOR THE TEACHERS' MAGICAL TRAINING

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I THOUGHT ABOUT POWERING UP YOUR MO.
WH- POWER UP...!?
AS YOU KNOW, OUR ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE PAST FAILED,
SO YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE TO USE YOUR CURRENT MO AS A WEAPON
BUT IT ALONE REMAINS THE SAME WHILE OTHER STUDENTS ARE MAKING PROGRESS DAY AFTER DAY WITH MAGIC.
IS A GRADE UP EVEN POSSIBLE?

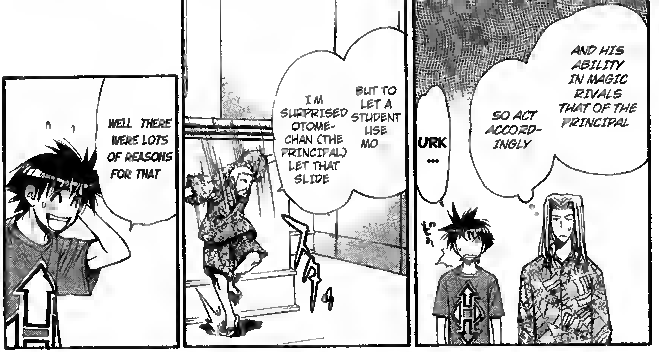
HMM
MO CREATES A FIELD WHERE MAGIC CAN'T WORK
AS OF NOW, IT BRINGS OUT A SPHERICAL EFFECT SPACE WITH A RADIUS OF A LITTLE LESS THAN TWO METERS
WITH THE RIGHT APPLICATION IT IS POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE SHAPE OF THAT EFFECT SPACE
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU COULD EXPAND THE FIELD TO COVER THE GROUND TO ONLY ERASE MAGIC ON THE SURFACE
OR AS WITH REGULAR MAGIC USE YOU COULD APPLY IT TO AN ITEM AND FLING IT AROUND OR THROW IT
DON'T TELL ME THAT IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO SUCH THINGS, TOO?

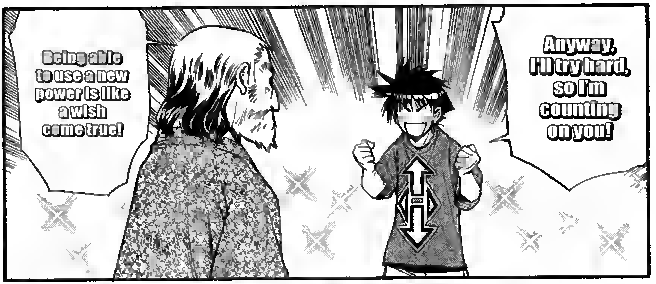
NII-GAKI-SEN-SEI.
HOW IS HE? AS YOU CAN SEE. HE HAS THE WILL TO DO IT.
HOW DO YOU DO THAT? HOW DO I LEARN TO DO THAT?
HURRY UP AND TEACH ME!
IT DOES SEEM THAT WAY
KUZUMI TAIGA, WAS IT?
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION.
IT'S NOT HOW WILLING YOU ARE THAT IS IMPORTANT, BUT YOUR PERSEVERANCE IN ACTION

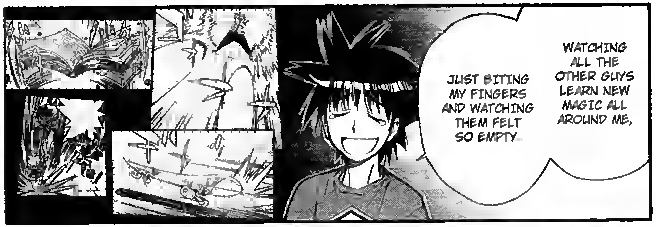
WHO ...!?
THIS IS NIIGAKI-SENSEI, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS FACILITY
HE INSTRUCTS TEACHING STAFF IN MAGIC HERE. IN SHORT, HE IS A SENSEI'S SENSEI.
DON'T CALL ME SENSEI, IT GETS ON MY NERVES. I WAS A TEACHER AT SEINAGI MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO.
I HAVE SINCE RETIRED.


TO LEVEL UP YOUR MO, YOU WILL NEED TO PRACTICE WITH AN OPPONENT WHO USES MAGIC
BUT, AS YOU KNOW, BOTH THE PRINCIPAL AND I CAN'T USE MAGIC UNTIL OUR PLATES HAVE COMPLETELY RECOVERED
OF COURSE, WE CAN NOT ASK ANOTHER TEACHER EITHER.

SO WE DECIDED TO ENTRUST IT INTO NIIGAKI-SENSEI'S HANDS.

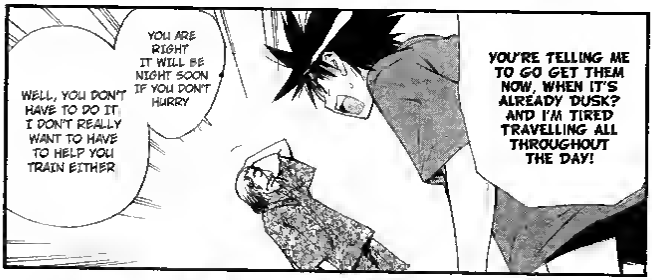

AND HIS ABILITY IN MAGIC RIVALS THAT OF THE PRINCIPAL
SO ACT ACCORDINGLY
URK...
BUT TO LET A STUDENT USE MO
I'M SURPRISED OTOME-CHAN (THE PRINCIPAL) LET THAT SLIDE
WELL THERE WERE LOTS OF REASONS FOR THAT


Being able to use a new power is like a wish come true!
Anyway, I'll try hard, so I'm counting on you!


WATCHING ALL THE OTHER GUYS LEARN NEW MAGIC ALL AROUND ME,
JUST SITING MY FINGERS AND WATCHING THEM FELT SO EMPTY

OH...
I SEE BUT BEFORE WE START, SOME PREPARATIONS ARE NEEDED
YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HELP A LITTLE

THIS IS A MIBARU MUSHROOM
IT IS A MUSHROOM THAT GROWS ON THE MOUNTAINS AROUND HERE.
HUH ?
IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO HARNESS MO, FILL THIS BASKET TO THE BRIM WITH THESE


YOU'RE TELLING ME TO GO GET THEM NOW, WHEN IT'S ALREADY DUSK? AND I'M TIRED TRAVELLING ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY!
YOU ARE RIGHT IT WILL BE NIGHT SOON IF YOU DON'T HURRY
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT. I DON'T REALLY WANT TO HAVE TO HELP YOU TRAIN EITHER

I... I GET IT! I'M GOING!!
I JUST HAVE TO FILL THIS UP, RIGHT?
DON'T GET LOST ON THE WAY BACK
I'm going !
NI-GAKI-SEN-SEI
HEHE... OH, COME ON

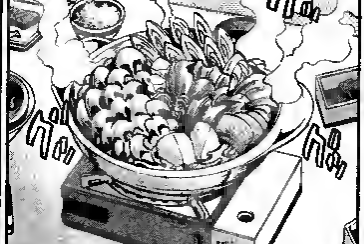
*MEW SAYS NO HE DIDN'T =P
DAMN, WHY DO I HAVE TO BE HUNTING MUSHROOMS WAY OUT HERE?
BUT HE SAID IT WAS NEEDED*
OH YEAH!! MAYBE HE CAN MAKE SOME SPECIAL POTION OUT OF THESE
SAMPLE FROM THE OLD MAN
YEAH, THAT'S GOTTA BE IT. I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER REASON
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I HAVE TO RAISE MY SPIRITS AND SEARCH!!
...HUH? THERE AREN'T ANY AROUND HERE!

TH...THIS SHOUD BE... ENOUGH, RIGHT?
YEAH, YEAH, IT'S OK.
I WAS WAITING FOR THESE!
THE MUSHROOM SOUP WILL BE READY IN A BIT! ♡
WAH～♪ KUZUMI-KUN, GOOD WORK!!
SO WHAT KIND OF POTION ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE?
I WENT TO GET THEM BECAUSE I THOUGHT I COULD POWER UP!!
HM? MARIO, WAS IT? I GUESS YOU REALLY CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER
HEY!!! WHAT DO YOU MEAN "DINNER"!?
WEREN'T THOSE MUSH-ROOMS FOR MY TRAINING?
ALL RIGHT, IT'S DINNER TIME

YOU OLD GEEZER! DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY!!
!!?

PAPER MARIO !!!
PASS?
NICE JOB ON GATHERING THE INGREDIENTS
LET'S SAY YOU PASS FOR NOW
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU TREAT HIM, I'LL JUDGE HIM ONLY ON MY OWN TERMS
ESPECIALLY IF IT IS A PERSON WITH WHOM I HAVE TO TAG ALONG OUTSIDE OF WORK

STAMINA, MENTAL STRENGTH... AND HIS DETERMINATION. I SEE THEY ARE ALL WELL-ABOVE THAT OF A NORMAL KID'S.
IN ORDER TO GET A FULL BASKET OF THOSE NOW, YOU'D HAVE TO WALK ALL OVER THAT MOUNTAIN.
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR A HARVEST OF MIBARU MUSHROOMS.
THEY ARE NOT RARE. IT'S JUST THAT THE PLACE...
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE FOUND ANY, TOO?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THESE ARE MAIMAI MUSHROOMS!! HE GOT SUCH TYPES AS WELL?
WH-?
!!!
AN AMATEUR WOULDN'T EVEN GET THERE BY HIMSELF.
IT'S NOT A PLACE YOU CAN JUST GET TO AND BE BACK IN TWO OR THREE HOURS.
MAIMAI MUSHROOMS SHOULD ONLY GROW IN THE AREA CLOSE TO THE TOP OF THAT CLIFF
THIS BOY...

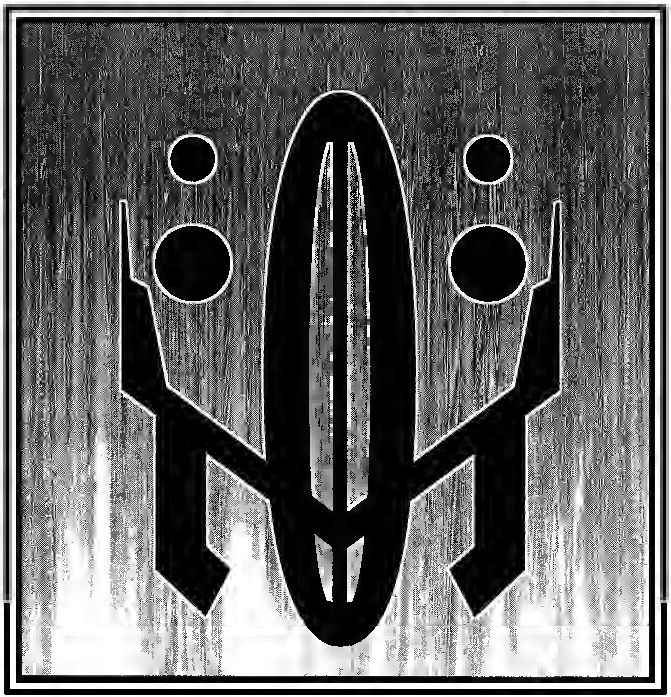


*NOTE: COMMON EXPRESSION SAID BEFORE EATING. IT LITERALLY MEANS I TAKE YOUR LIFE. WE SACRIFICE THE LIVES OF MANY ANIMALS AND PLANTS TO EAT. THIS IS A WAY TO THANK THEM FOR ALLOWING US TO LIVE.

THE GREATEST ORDEAL FROM THE PAST IS VISITING KUZUMI!?

HEY KUZUMI, MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY TIRESOME FOR YOU TOO
THE OTHER TWO WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FAMILY TRIP
YOU GUYS ARE HERE, TOO!?
AND SO, KUZUMI'S MO GRADE UP TRAINING BEGAN

THIS TIME, MO PLATE'S ABILITY IS BEING CLARIFIED.
WILL KUZUMI GET MORE POWER!?



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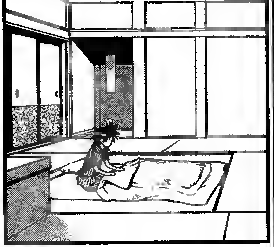
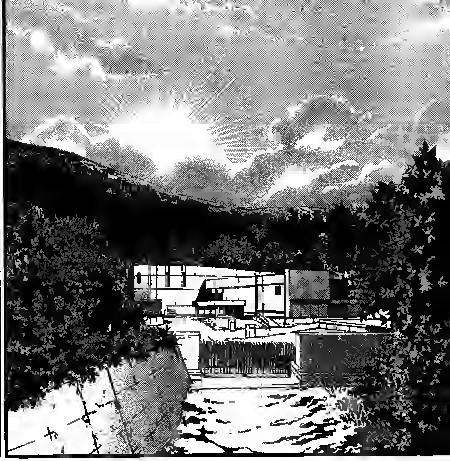
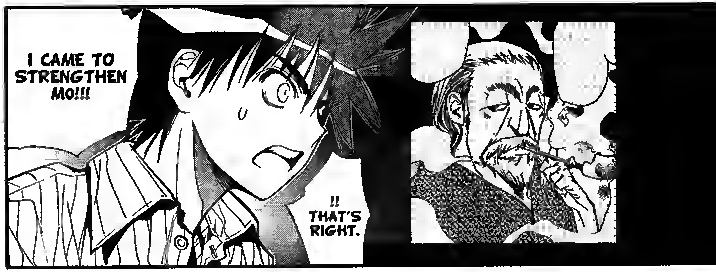
NOW IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, KUZUMI IS CALLED TO AN ISLAND BY DADDY HIIRAGI TO LEARN ABOUT MO'S STRENGTHENING
HE IS COACHED BY NIIGAKI, A FORMER TEACHER OF SEINAGI HIGH. BUT

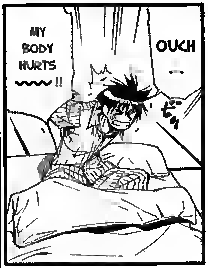
M:63 MO FIRE







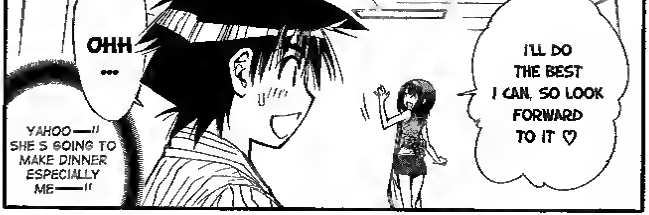
TRAINING CAMP SECOND DAY, START!!

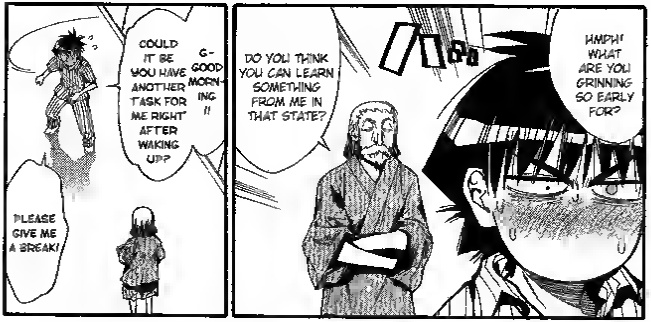


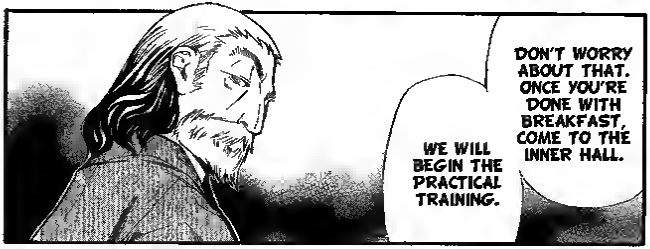
HEY HEY IF YOU WANT TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM PEOPLE YOU HAVE TO SHOW THEM SOME GOOD FAITH!!!
OH YEAH I RAN ALL OVER THE MOUNTAIN YESTERDAY AND EVEN AFTER LUNCH I HAD TO DO CLEANING AND CHANGE THE FLUORESCENT LAMPS

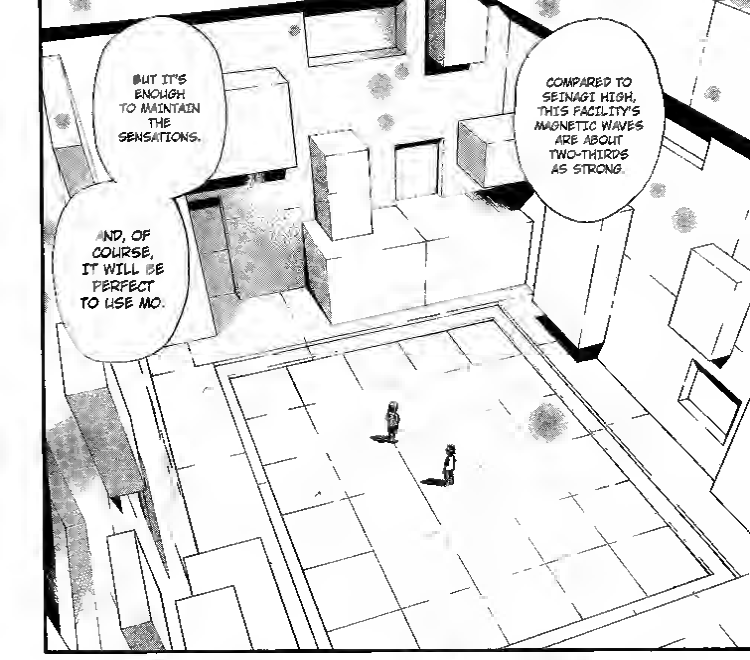
EVEN THOUGH HIIRAGI IS UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS ME, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT AT ALL..
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE SO IT WAS FUN TO PREPARE IT!!
AND THERE'S ENOUGH FOR SECONDS.
AH! GOOD MORNING, KUZUMI-KUN!!
BREAK-FAST'S READY.
A MODEST BLISS
I HAVE TO BE THANKFUL TO DADDY HIIRAGI FOR BRINGING HER ALONG.
GAH—— THAT'S WHAT I SAID, BUT NOW HIIRAGI IS HERE!!
SOMEHOW SPEAKING WITH YOU THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING FEELS KINDA STRANGE
AHAHA YEAH
HEY, HEY TODAY, I'M GOING TO PLAY ON THE BEACH WITH MITCHON AND KUMI, DO YOU WANT TO COME?
THE BEACH?

HEEERE, KUZUMI-KUN!! ♡
ALL RIGHT, THERE!!
KYA
AHAHA
AHH! YOUTH
ALL RIGHT, ONE MORE TIME
FAREWEL
YOUTH.
...I CAN'T. I HAVE THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR DAD AND NIIGAKI-SENSEI...
THAT'S RIGHT— YOU DIDN'T COME TO PLAY.
HUH? MAYBE CURRY...
THEN, AS COMPENSATION, I'LL MAKE WHAT YOU WANT FOR DINNER. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
CURRY THEN, GOT IT!!


I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN. SO LOOK FORWARD TO IT ♡
OHH ...
YAHOO——!! SHE'S GOING TO MAKE DINNER ESPECIALLY ME——!!


HMPH! WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING SO EARLY FOR?
G-GOOD MORNING !!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LEARN SOMETHING FROM ME IN THAT STATE?
COULD IT BE YOU HAVE ANOTHER TASK FOR ME RIGHT AFTER WAKING UP?
PLEASE GIVE ME A BREAK!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH BREAKFAST, COME TO THE INNER HALL.
WE WILL BEGIN THE PRACTICAL TRAINING.


COMPARED TO SEINAGI HIGH, THIS FACILITY'S MAGNETIC WAVES ARE ABOUT TWO-THIRDS AS STRONG.
BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN THE SENSATIONS.
AND, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE PERFECT TO USE MO.

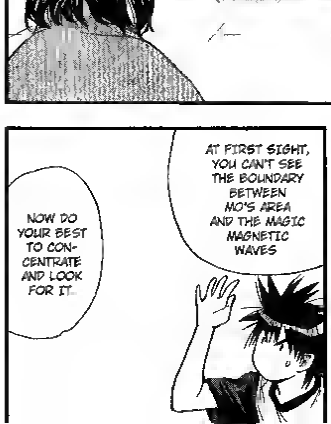
FINALLY, THE TRAINING BEGINS——!!
IT'LL BE MY FIRST TIME LEARNING THINGS ABOUT MAGIC——!!
SO NERVOUS~!!
LET'S BEGIN AT ONCE
GO ON, USE MO!!
MO!!!
GOT IT...

!!?
?
?
THE PLATE
ALL RIGHT, LET GO OF YOUR PLATE!!

WHAT'S THIS?
DA
!!
IT HURTS
!!!

HM?

EXCEPT FOR THE AREA WHERE MO IS IN EFFECT.
RIGHT NOW, YOUR SURROUNDINGS ARE ENGULFED IN A STATIC ELECTRICITY FIELD BY MY MAGIC


NOW DO YOUR BEST TO CONCENTRATE AND LOOK FOR IT.
AT FIRST SIGHT, YOU CAN'T SEE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN MO'S AREA AND THE MAGIC MAGNETIC WAVES

RIGHT NOW, WE ARE GOING TO DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO ACCURATELY GRASP THE CURRENT SHAPE OF MO
TO HANDLE MO, YOU MUST FIRST BE AWARE OF WHERE MO'S AREA IS EFFECTIVE.

HERE...? NO, A LITTLE DEEPER?
MAYBE AROUND HERE.
THE BOUND-ARY...?
AH... I WENT TOO FAR. !!!
IF YOU CAN TELL THEM APART
IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, YOU WON'T NOTICE, BUT THE SPACE GENERATED BY THE MAGIC MAGNETIC WAVES HAS A CHARACTERISTIC "VISCOSITY."
IF YOU SEARCH CAREFULLY, YOU'LL SEE IT
SHARPEN YOUR SENSES AND SEARCH
I CAN'T BE CERTAIN ABOUT THIS, BUT I'M SEEING A VAGUE SHAPE.
RIGHT BEFORE THE RITUAL COMES, THERE'S A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERIC LAYER.
THERE... THIS SHOULD BE THE BOUNDARY.

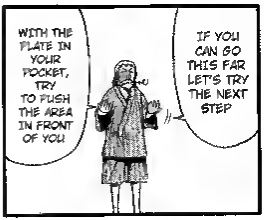
THIS IS THE MO AREA

WELL, THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF ERRORS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO STEADILY CORRECT THEM
HOO. SO YOU SAW IT?

FINALLY, YOU ARE STEPPING ONTO THE STARTING LINE!!
ANYWAY, THE MO PLATE HAS MEMORIZED WHAT YOU JUST PERCEIVED.

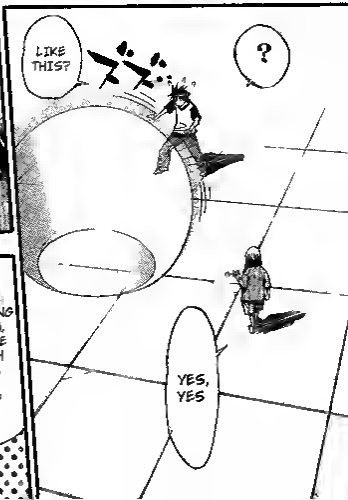
PICTURE THIS AND...
DON'T DO ANYTHING NONSENSICAL! IF IT'S NOT ACCURATE, THE PLATE WON'T REACT
NOW, BY MOVING ACCURATELY THE IMAGE OF MO'S AREA YOU PERCEIVED, THE PLATE WILL AUTOMATICALLY CHANGE THE FIELD'S SHAPE
ALL RIGHT, NOW PICTURE IT GOING UP.
SLOW-LY.
UP ...
LIKE ... LIKE THIS?
AWESOME!! IT'S TRUE! EVEN WITH THE PLATE STILL HERE, THE CENTER CHANGED!!
MAG-IC OUT !!!

HE'S ALWAYS VIGILANT OF HIS SURROUNDINGS, AND HE'S CAREFUL. IT'S LIKE THIS ENVIRONMENT IS PART OF HIS DAILY LIFE.
HE PERCEIVED THE FIELD THAT FAST,
I SEE, OTOME-CHAN MUST HAVE SENSED SOMETHING.
CAUSE
SLIDE


WITH THE PLATE IN YOUR POCKET, TRY TO PUSH THE AREA IN FRONT OF YOU
IF YOU CAN DO THIS FAR LET'S TRY THE NEXT STEP

SO-SO!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? DID I DO IT PROPERLY !?

IT IS JUICE, SOLIDIFIED WITH A MAGIC MEDICINE
PUT THIS IN YOUR MOUTH


LIKE THIS?
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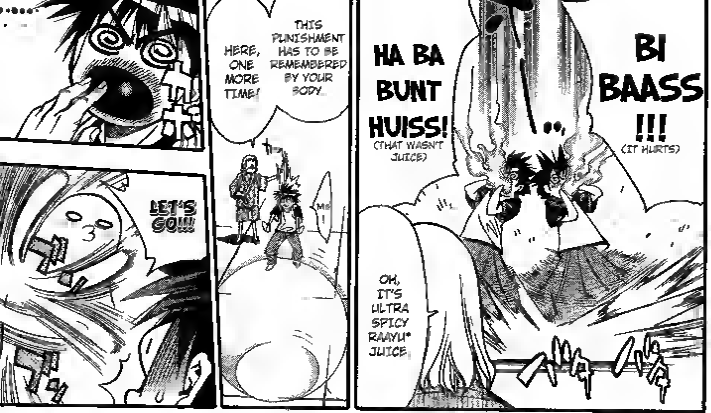
YES, YES

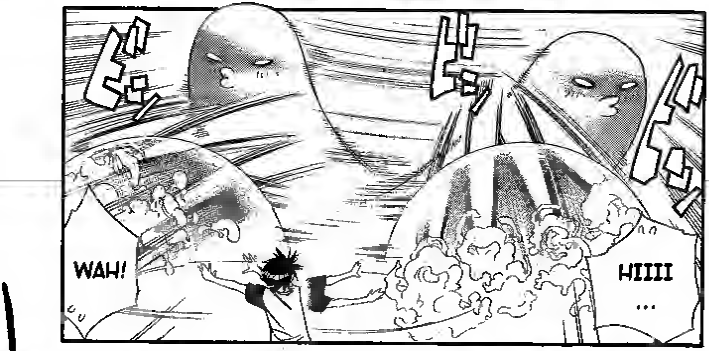
SINCE IT IS MAGIC, WHEN ENTERING THE MO AREA, THE MEDICINE WILL VANISH AND IT WILL TURN BACK TO A LIQUID STATE

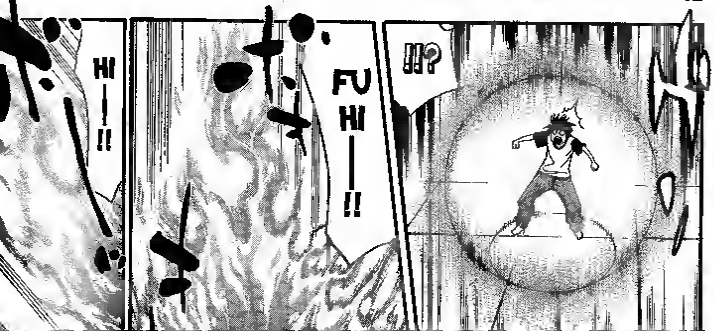
ERASE HIS ATTACKS BY MOVING THAT MO AREA
HII !?
IF YOU LOSE CONTROL, THE AREA WILL GO BACK TO ITS INITIAL PLACE!!
WHITE CHAL-LENGER !!
WAH!
WA-WAH!

WAAH!
WA-WAH!
PANIC!
↑ MC AREA
NBI——!!!

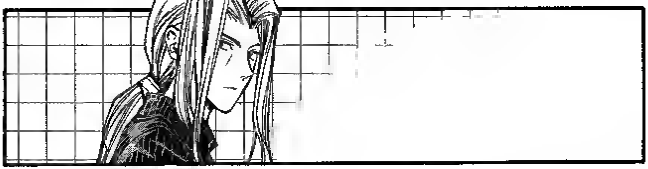

LET'S GO!!!
HERE, ONE MORE TIME!
THIS PUNISHMENT HAS TO BE REMEMBERED BY YOUR BODY.
HA BA BUNT HUISS!
(THAT WASN'T JUICE)
BI BAASS !!!
(IT HURTS)
OH, IT'S ULTRA SPICY "RAAYU" JUICE.

*NOTE RAAYU IS SOME KIND OF SPICY OIL



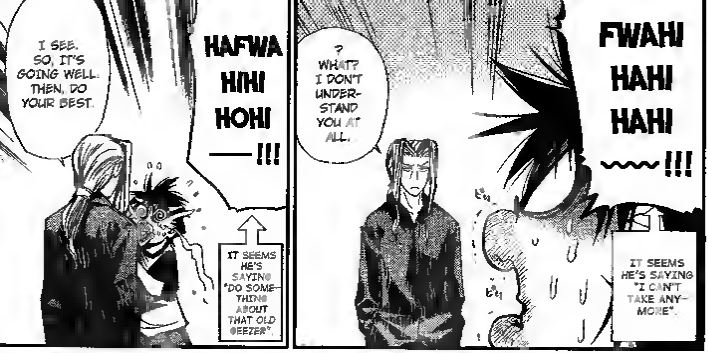


HAUHA
!!!
HIFU
HAHIHA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ONE MORE TIME!!

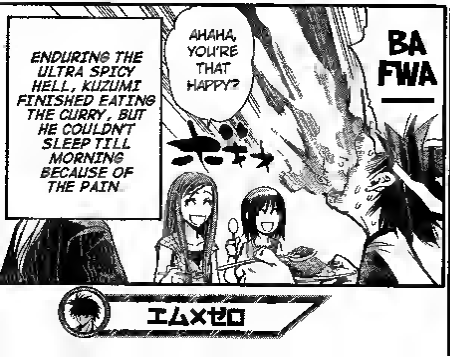


IF IT GOES LIKE THIS WE MAY GET TO THE NEXT STAGE QUITE FAST.
HE'S IN A GOOD MOOD
RAW MATERIALS ARE SO INTERESTING

HOW DID IT GO NIIGAKI-SENSEI?
JUST SO-SO.


I SEE. SO, IT'S GOING WELL. THEN, DO YOUR BEST.
HAFWA HIHI HOHI ——!!!
IT SEEMS HE'S SAYING "DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT OLD GEEZER".
? WHAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL.
FWAHI HAHI HAHI 〰〰!!!
IT SEEMS HE'S SAYING "I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE".

HE'S BEING STIMULATED BY BOTH TRAINING AND COOKING~♡
IT SEEMS HE'S SAYING "I WANT TO GO HOME".
HOO FWAHUFU HOO!
HIHA HAHI HE—!!
THE PREPARATIONS FOR DINNER ARE ALREADY DONE.
YOUR REQUESTED CURRY IS DONE!!
KUZUMI-KUN.


ENDURING THE ULTRA SPICY HELL, KUZUMI FINISHED EATING THE CURRY, BUT HE COULDN'T SLEEP TILL MORNING BECAUSE OF THE PAIN.
AHAHA, YOU'RE THAT HAPPY?
BA FWA —
EAT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. ♡
THIS ONE'S GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT LIKE IN SUMMER!! IT'S AN ULTRA SPICY RED CURRY!

WHAT CAN MO DO...? I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO BEAT THE KNOWLEDGE IN YOU!!

(SUMMARY)
KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC BUT IN THE SCHOOL HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, KUZUMI IS CALLED BY DADDY HIIRAGI TO AN ISLAND TO POWER UP MO UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF NIIGAKI A FORMER TEACHER OF SEINAGI HIGH, KUZUMI STUDIES IN-DEPTH NEW WAYS TO USE MO!

M:64 MO, A NEW JOURNEY

BIG FOOT !!!
ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT ONE IS COMING!!
HA HA HA
Asian Slapcomics forward!
MOU
COME!
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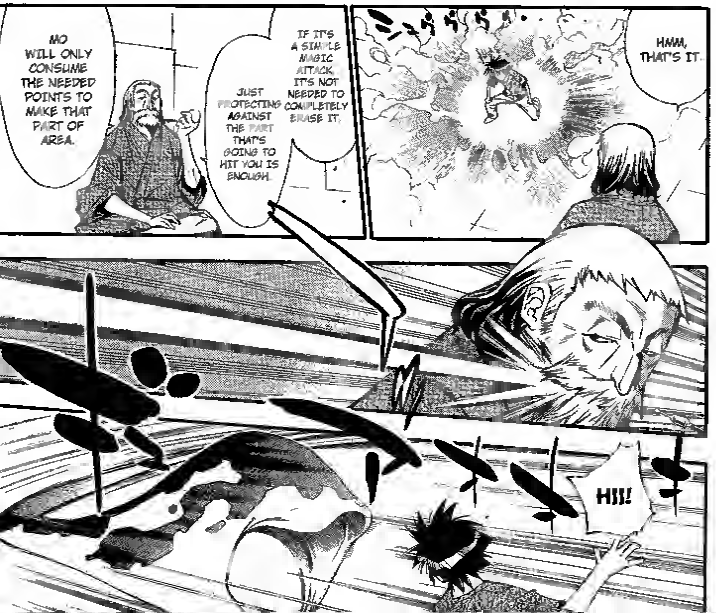
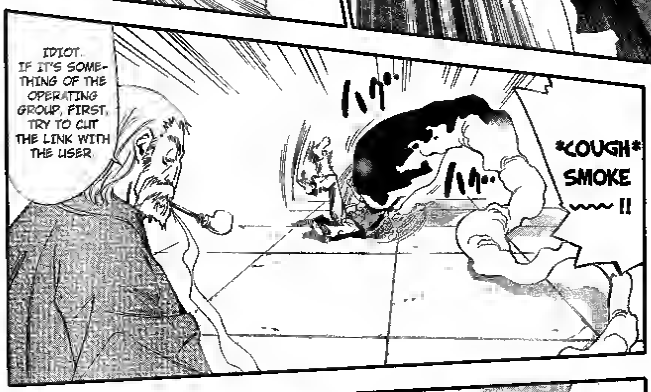

MO WILL ONLY CONSUME THE NEEDED POINTS TO MAKE THAT PART OF AREA.
JUST PROTECTING AGAINST THE PART THAT'S GOING TO HIT YOU IS ENOUGH.
IF IT'S A SIMPLE MAGIC ATTACK, IT'S NOT NEEDED TO COMPLETELY ERASE IT.
HMM, THAT'S IT
HII!

SHIELD !!
M... MO!!
HAG!


IDIOT. IF IT'S SOMETHING OF THE OPERATING GROUP, FIRST, TRY TO CUT THE LINK WITH THE USER.
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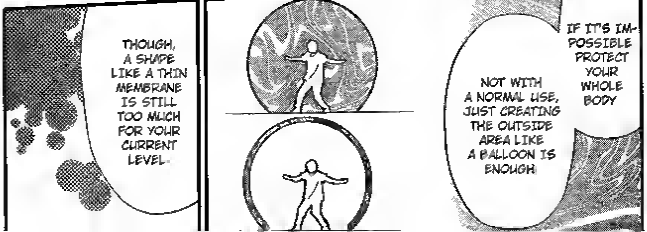
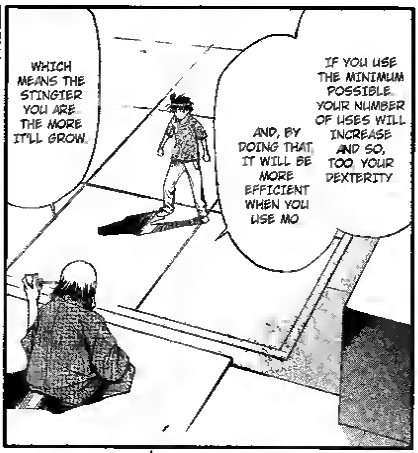
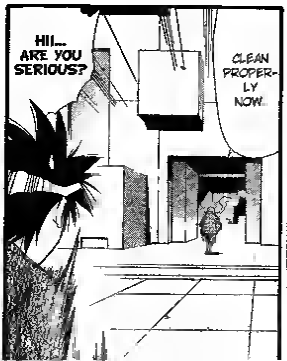
COUGH SMOKE ~~~ !!


THOUGH, A SHAPE LIKE A THIN MEMBRANE IS STILL TOO MUCH FOR YOUR CURRENT LEVEL.
NOT WITH A NORMAL USE, JUST CREATING THE OUTSIDE AREA LIKE A BALLOON IS ENOUGH.
IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE PROTECT YOUR WHOLE BODY

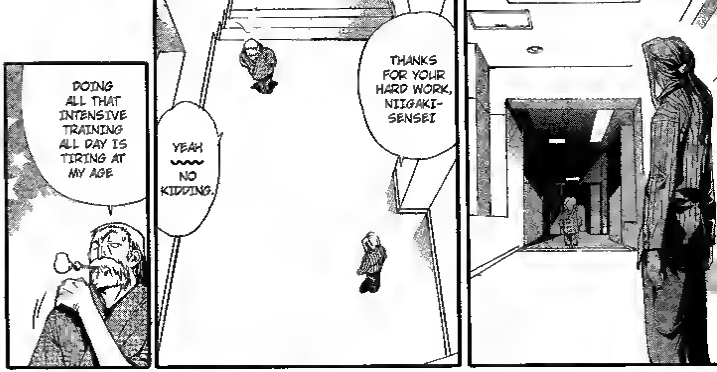
BUT IF YOU CAN'T INSTANTLY USE IT THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE, IT'LL JUST BE A WASTE OF POINTS
NO MATTER HOW THIN IT'LL BECOME, AGAINST MAGIC, MO WILL BE THE HARDEST SHIELD AND THE STRONGEST HALBERD

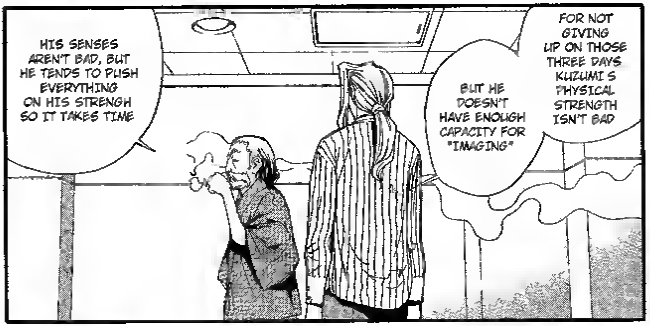
YES SIR!
THANKS !!
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.


WHICH MEANS THE STINGIER YOU ARE THE MORE IT'LL GROW.
IF YOU USE THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE, YOUR NUMBER OF USES WILL INCREASE AND SO, TOO, YOUR DEXTERITY
AND, BY DOING THAT, IT WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT WHEN YOU USE MO


HII... ARE YOU SERIOUS?
CLEAN PROPERLY NOW.

MY HEAD IS REALLY HEAVY
HUH... TAHA—
I'M BEAT


DOING ALL THAT INTENSIVE TRAINING ALL DAY IS TIRING AT MY AGE
YEAH~~ NO KIDDING.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK, NIIGAKI-SENSEI


HIS SENSES AREN'T BAD, BUT HE TENDS TO PUSH EVERYTHING ON HIS STRENGH SO IT TAKES TIME
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH CAPACITY FOR "IMAGING"
FOR NOT GIVING UP ON THOSE THREE DAYS KUZUMI'S PHYSICAL STRENGTH ISN'T BAD

BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS A WASTE SINCE YOU WEREN'T VERY DARING
AT THE SAME AGE, YOU HAD GENIUS POTENTIAL,
HE'S THE RIGHT OPPOSITE OF YOU WHEN YOU WERE STILL A STUDENT

I'D LIKE YOU TO NOT PUT ME ON THE SAME SPOT AS KUZUMI
WELL, YOUR IMPERTINENT SIDES ARE ALIKE
ANYWAY, I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO DO THE MAIN THINGS HE CAN DO AT HIS LEVEL.
HE SHOULD HAVE MEMORIZED IT.
BUT THEN AGAIN, I'M STILL A BIT RELUCTANT TO HAVE A STUDENT LIKE MO.
EVEN AT THE TIME I RETIRED, ONLY A FEW PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT IT'S EXISTENCE...
INDEED IN THE MAGIC SPECIAL ZONES MO IS AN IRREGULAR SKILL
EVEN NOW THE ONLY FOUR PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF IT ARE THE PRINCIPAL ME
THE VICE PRINCIPAL AND THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THIRD YEARS IN THE THIRD YEAR BUILDING.

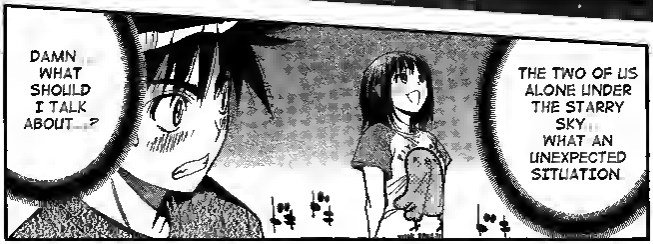
ERASING A MAGIC IN USE CAN BE DANGEROUS
USING IT LIGHTLY, IT CAN BE A TROUBLE-SOME POWER.
IF IT'S A POWER NOT TO BE USED IT'S BETTER TO FORGET ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE BUT...
SINCE BASICALLY YOU CANNOT POSSESS MULTIPLE PLATES, TO USE MAGIC, HE MUST GIVE UP ON MO

BUT IF HE CAN'T USE IT PROPERLY IN ACTUAL BATTLE, THE FACT THAT IT IS DANGEROUS DOES NOT CHANGE
AND KUZUHA MAY BE SOMEONE WHO WOULD NOT USE IT THE WRONG WAY.
OTOME-CHAN IS ALLOW-ING IT.

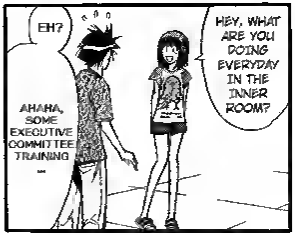
WHICH IS WHY, TOMORROW, I'LL MAKE A TEST.
A REAL BATTLE.
I WOULD FEEL BAD IF, WHAT I TAUGHT HIM MYSELF, SHOULD CAUSE AN ACCIDENT

IF KUZUMI SEEMS TO FAIL AT CONTROLLING THE MO THEN THERE WILL BE NO LEVEL UP.
I'LL ERASE ALL THE RESULTS OF THESE THREE DAYS FROM THE PLATE
YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT?
... UNDER-STOOD.
BUT IT'S HARD TO MAKE A CLEAR IMAGE IN YOUR HEAD.
WHEN I TRY TO DO IT IT'S ALL CONFUSED—
HA~~~ IT'S OVER
I'LL GO BATHE AND SLEEP...
ONCE I GET USED TO IT, I'LL BE ABLE TO DO MORE COMPLICATED SHAPES
LIKE A NET
OR A DOG
KUZUMI-KUN
YES, I COULD MAKE HIIRAGI'S SHAPE—
THAT WOULDN'T BE BAD
HEY, KU-ZUMI-KUN~
THAT'S MEAN!
!! THE REAL ONE!!?

THE STARS ARE BEAUTIFUL, AREN'T THEY!?
WAAH! ♪
THAT'S TRUE


DAMN WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT...?
THE TWO OF US ALONE UNDER THE STARRY SKY... WHAT AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION

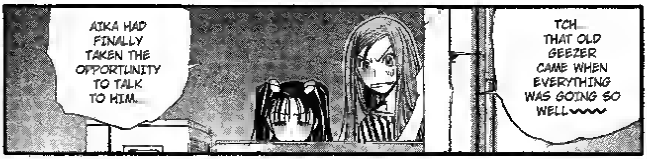
TRUE.
HA HA
I WOULD HAVE WANTED TO GO PLAY WITH YOU A BIT
IN THE END, WE DIDN'T AT ALL


EH?
AHAHA, SOME EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TRAINING...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING EVERYDAY IN THE INNER ROOM?

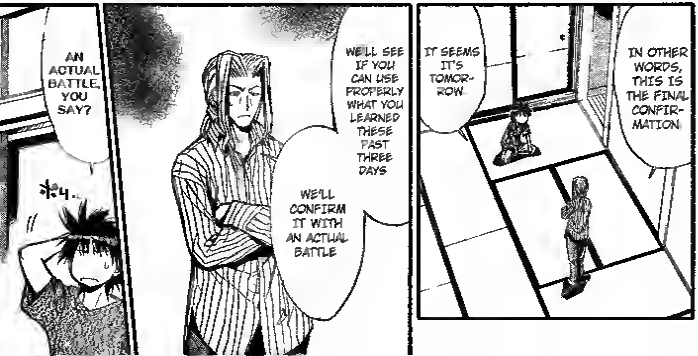
I'LL GO BACK HOME THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, IN THE MORNING.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT TO PLAY AT LEAST A DAY TOGETHER
WE PLAN ON GETTING BACK HOME TOMORROW NIGHT.
I FAILED AT MAKING MEMORIES...
HAHA... EVEN THOUGH HIIRAGI'S GROUP HAD COME THIS FAR.
I THOUGHT... WHAT ABOUT SAYING IT HERE?
I MAY NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO AFTERWARD. SO...
THAT'S WHY
!!?
I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS FOR SOME TIME...
I WANTED TO PROPERLY DELIVER MY FEELINGS.
WAIT... HIIRAGI ...

WHAT'S HAPPENING SO SUDDENLY ~~~!!?
COULD IT BE HIIRAGI'S GOING TO ...?
THE TRUTH IS...
YOU KNOW I ... YOU SEE...
KU-
ZU-MU ~~~ !!!
DADDY ~!!
THERE'S SOME-THING IM-PORTANT I HAVE TO TELL YOU!!

DAD, WAIT A MINUTE !!
WA~~~~!! WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT S THAT THING YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
DON'T MIND FOR NOW. LET'S JUST GET AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!!
COME WITH ME FOR A MOMENT !!!


AIKA HAD FINALLY TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM.
TCH... THAT OLD GEEZER CAME WHEN EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL~~~

A TEST?


AN ACTUAL BATTLE, YOU SAY?
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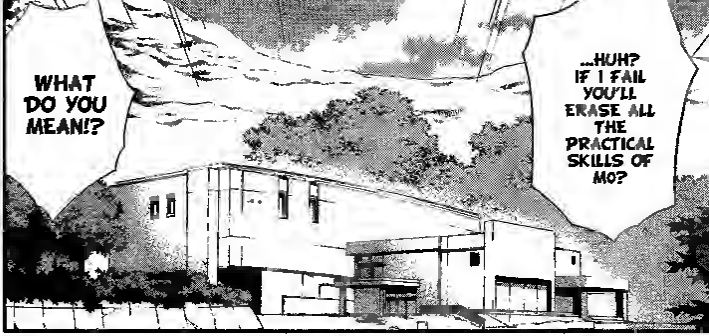
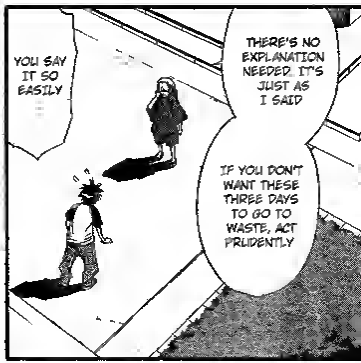
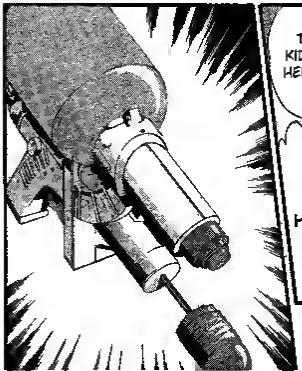
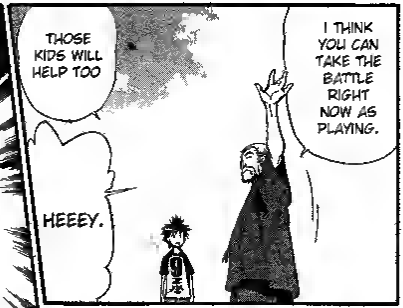
WE'LL SEE IF YOU CAN USE PROPERLY WHAT YOU LEARNED THESE FAST THREE DAYS
WE'LL CONFIRM IT WITH AN ACTUAL BATTLE
IT SEEMS IT'S TOMOR-ROW
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS THE FINAL CONFIR-MATION


WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
...HUH? IF I FAIL YOU'LL ERASE ALL THE PRACTICAL SKILLS OF MO?

And you want to throw away all my efforts? No thanks.
Since I've come to this island, I haven't had any time to go play, and I did my best!!


YOU SAY IT SO EASILY
THERE'S NO EXPLANATION NEEDED. IT'S JUST AS I SAID
IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE THREE DAYS TO GO TO WASTE, ACT PRUDENTLY




THOSE KIDS WILL HELP TOO
I THINK YOU CAN TAKE THE BATTLE RIGHT NOW AS PLAYING.
HEEEY.

WHAT ARE THESE FOR?
YOU WILL USE THEM FOR A LITTLE GAME.
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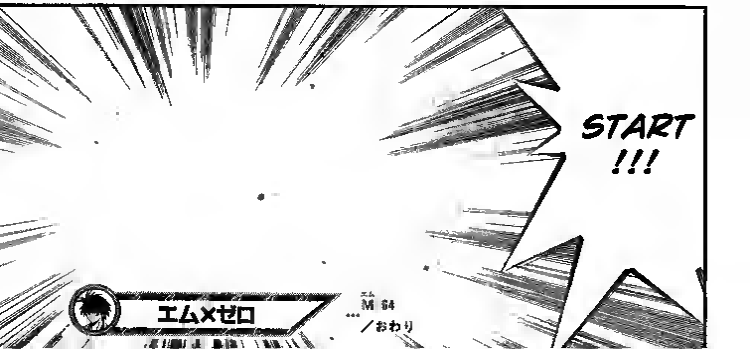
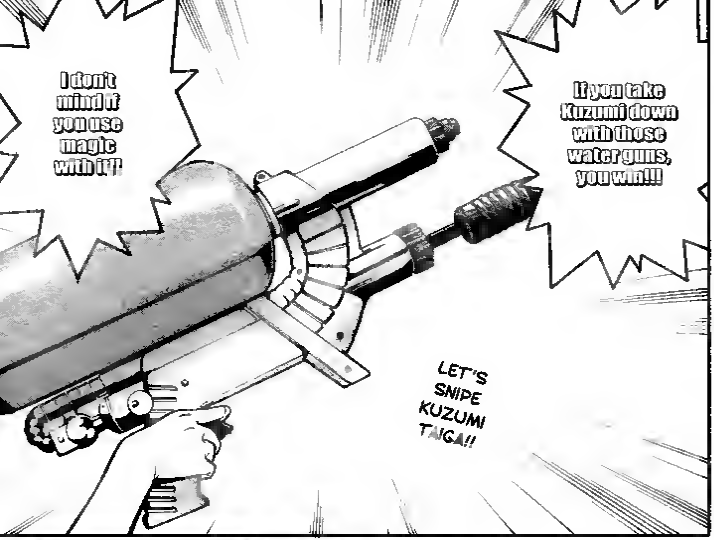
YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE HIM DOWN WITH THOSE WATER GUNS AS HE RUNS AWAY
IF HE GETS EVEN A LITTLE WET, YOU WIN
IF YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR THREE GUNS, YOU WIN
SINCE KUZUMI WON'T ATTACK YOU AT ALL
YOU CAN USE MAGIC AS YOU PLEASE
GO ALL OUT NO NEED FOR RESTRAINT
THEY'RE FILLED WITH MAGIC WATER, SO MO CAN ERASE IT

TO FIND OUT IF KUZUMI CAN DEAL WITH IT BY KEEPING HIS HEAD COOL IS THE GOAL OF THIS TEST
AT THE END OF THE GAME OF TAG, I'LL LAUNCH MY SURPRISE ATTACK
HAHAHA, IT REMINDS ME OF THE CLASS MATCHES.
IT'S A BIT LIKE A GAME OF TAG
HII-RAGI
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU, KUZUMI-KUN!!
KA~ YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN.
AH...YEAH.
I'LL TELL YOU ONCE THIS IS OVER...
HUM... ABOUT LAST NIGHT. WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
YOU GOT INTERRUPTED IN THE MIDDLE
EH?

NOTE BROKEN SENTENCES "YOUR_" "KAGENUMA-KUN_" "INTRODUCE" "PLEASE DON'T_" "KUZUMI_KUN" " ABOUT_"





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(SUMMARY)
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, KUZUMI HAS BEEN CALLED TO AN ISLAND TO STRENGTHEN MO UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF NITTA-T, A FORMER TEACHER OF SEINAGI HIGH
HE'S FINALLY FACING THE LAST TEST, BUT HE'S ENDING UP BATTLING AIKA'S GROUP !!?

M:65 MO FIGHT!

DAMN IF I GET WATER ON ME ALL THE MO SKILLS I'VE FINALLY LEARNT WILL BE ERASED.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY
I SPENT A FULL THREE DAYS TRAINING WITHOUT PLAYING AROUND
I CAN'T LET MYSELF GET TAKEN DOWN BY THOSE PLAYFUL MOODY GIRLS!
IF THOSE THREE ARE MY OPPONENTS THE FIRST ONE TO COME WILL BE MIKUNI
PROBABLY WITH A STRENGTHENED WATER GUN
NUAH ...!!?

I FOUND YOU, KUZUMI !!!
DAH~~~ JUST AS I THOUGHT!!
PREPARE YOURSELF. I'LL END THIS QUICKLY ——!!
MO
SHIELD!!!

WH... YOU SERIOUS!?
TAKE THIS, AND THIS——!!
IT'S EASY TO DEAL WITH THE STRENGTHENING GROUP IN SUCH A MATCH.
HII WITH FOUR SHOTS. IT'S ALREADY THIS SMALL.
THAT MAGIC WATER HAS WAY MORE ENERGY THAN I THOUGHT!!

LISTEN WELL, KUZUMI. MO'S POWER CAPACITY IS IN PROPORTION WITH THE VOLUME OF THE AREA.
WHEN ERASING MAGIC A PART OF MO'S AREA DISAPPEARS AND THE VOLUME DECREASES.
WHEN YOU STOP USING IT, THE AREA VANISHES
AND THEN, ONLY THE POINTS OF THE MO PLATE CORRESPONDING TO THE VOLUME USED ARE CONSUMED.
WHICH MEANS, A THIN AND SMALL AREA TO ERASE MAGIC IS THE MOST EFFICIENT
INSTEAD OF USING THE NEXT MO HERE, I'LL SCARE HER A BIT
SHOOT OR RUN AWAY, CHOOSE THE ONE YOU WANT.
WELL, BY THE TIME YOU SHOOT, I'LL HAVE CAUGHT YOU.
WAAAH, DAMMIT ~~~!!
!?

M...
M ZE...
Uwah!
HEBH!
THIS IS A TEST FOR MO
EVEN IF YOU WIN WITH SOME BLUFF I WON'T BE ABLE TO EVALUATE YOU
G-GOT IT! IT WON'T DO IF I'M NOT USING MO!!
DAMN~~~ I HAD NEARLY CAUGHT HER.

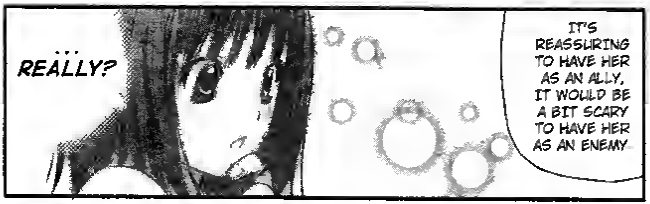
THE OLD GEEZER IS CLOSELY WATCHING ME.
BUT DURING TRAINING, HE WAS RECHARGING THE POINTS I WAS USING. IN THIS TEST HE WON'T.
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SAVED SOME, BUT...
!!?
INUI?
WH...
UWAH !!
WAIT A MINUTE...

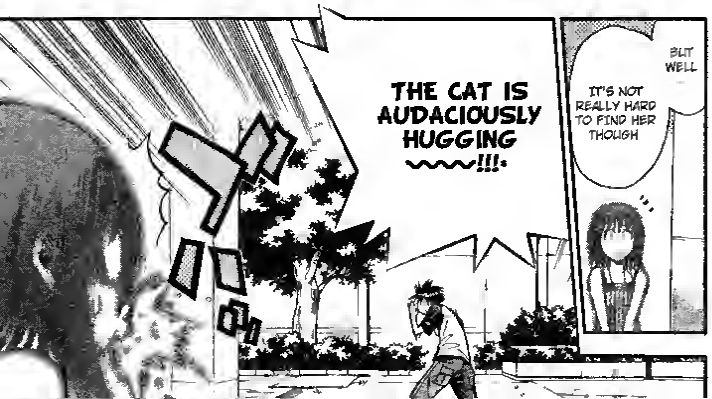
PREPARE YOURSELF !!
OVER MY SHAPE!!!
M 8 !!
!!?
WHA NOT GOOD.

SO, INSTEAD OF WASTING IT, I SHOULD HAVE JUST USED MO TO COVER MY WHOLE BODY LIKE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING. I WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE EVEN WITH SURPRISE ATTACKS.
AH...!! THAT'S RIGHT, I CAN MAKE ANYTHING I THINK OF.
DON'T YOU SMELL SOME-THING?
HII...
CHALLENGER?
BUT THAT VOICE... IS THAT THE OLD GEEZER!!?
KUZUMI, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ONE THING...
WITH THIS, I'M ALL RIGHT! I CAN GO SEARCH FOR THEM WITHOUT BEING ON GUARD NOW.
HMM? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT THERE'S SOME SCENT.
OH AND BY THE WAY, THAT INCENSE IS SOAKED WITH MAGICAL POWER.
OF COURSE, MO IS REACT-ING TO IT.
THE INCENSE'S SMOKE IS COVERING THE WHOLE FIELD, ISN'T IT?
IN-CENSE ?
THE TRUTH IS, THERE'S INCENSE BURNING HERE AND THERE ON THE SITE.

!!?
EVEN NOW, IT'S GOING ON QUITE RAPIDLY.
THIS MEANS THAT JUST PUTTING OUT MO'S AREA, MAKES IT REACT TO THE INCENSE AND DISAPPEAR.
IT'S JUST HIIRAGI I HAVEN'T SEEN YET...
I HAVE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THE AREA DISAP-PEARS.
WHERE ARE THEY?
AM I NOT TELLING YOU NOW !?
WELL THEN, DO YOUR BEST.
YOU COULD HAVE SAID THAT BEFORE!!
CRAP. IT'S A PRETTY BIG VOLUME! THIS IS SUCH A WASTE ~~~
WAH! IT'S TRUE! IT REACTS TO SOME-THING ~~~!!
SHE'S PROBABLY LOOKING AROUND IN HER INVISIBLE STATE THIS SUCKS

WHEN WELL USED, HER MAGIC IS THE MOST BOTHER-SOME.
I REALLY CAN'T ANTICIPATE KUZUMI-KUN....
CRAP, HE SAW THROUGH ME...
MOVING WITH "CLEAR CLEAN" IN ACTION


...REALLY?
IT'S REASSURING TO HAVE HER AS AN ALLY, IT WOULD BE A BIT SCARY TO HAVE HER AS AN ENEMY


THE CAT IS AUDACIOUSLY HUGGING ~~~!!!.
BUT WELL...
IT'S NOT REALLY HARD TO FIND HER THOUGH
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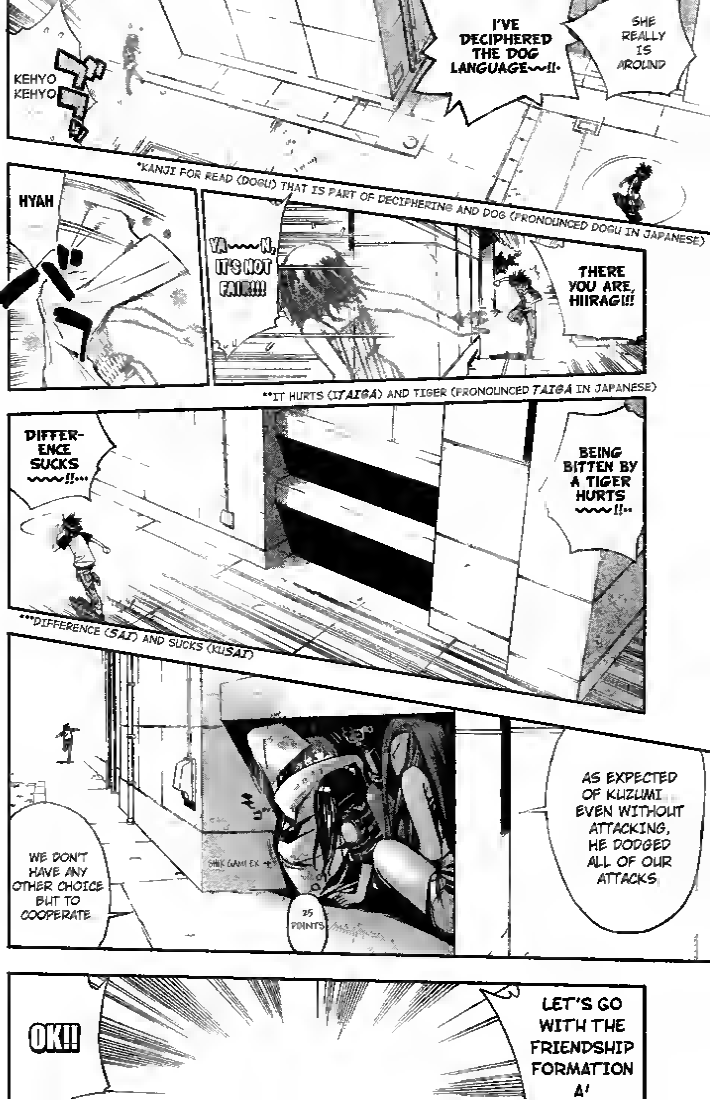
KEHYO
KEHYO
I'VE DECIPHERED THE DOG LANGUAGE~!!
SHE REALLY IS AROUND
*KANJI FOR READ (DOGU) THAT IS PART OF DECIPHERING AND DOG (PRONOUNCED DOGU IN JAPANESE)
HYAH
YA~~~H, IT'S NOT FAIR!!!
THERE YOU ARE, HIIRAG!!!
**IT HURTS (ITAIGA) AND TIGER (PRONOUNCED TAIGA IN JAPANESE)
DIFFERENCE SUCKS ~~~!!
BEING BITTEN BY A TIGER HURTS ~~~!!
***DIFFERENCE (SAI) AND SUCKS (KUSAI)
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO COOPERATE
25 POINTS
AS EXPECTED OF KUZUMI. EVEN WITHOUT ATTACKING, HE DODGED ALL OF OUR ATTACKS.
OK!!
LET'S GO WITH THE FRIENDSHIP FORMATION A!

"NOTE THIS SAYING EXPRESSES THE MIGHT OF UNITED FORCES "IT'S HARDER TO BREAK 3 ARROWS TOGETHER THAN 3 ON THEIR OWN."
DAMN! MO'S AREA HAS COMPLETELY DISAP-PEARED.
I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME
I WONDER !!
I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM AT ALL.
ARE THEY PLOTTING SOME-THING?
IT'S HARD TO BREAK THREE ARROWS.
THEY MAY COME AT ME ALL TO-GETHER NEXT TIME
IT'LL BE MY CHANCE TO SETTLE EVERY-THING.
Mikuni !!

WAH, WAH!
THIS TIME I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN!!
THE SHIELD FROM BEFORE DISAPPEARED RIGHT AWAY!!!
MO CUBE!

WAH
...
GOT YOU !!

CRAP, IS THAT "ONE HAIR MUPPET" !!?
HAGA!
YOU WERE INVISIBLE AND WAITING FOR AN OPENING WITH HIIRAGI'S MAGIC!!?
MIKUNI WAS A DIVER-SION...
IT'S OUR VICTORY !!
HII-FAGI!
M ...
DAMN ...

EH...? WHAT!?
KYAA!
HIIRAGI !!! WHAT'S WRONG !?
KU-ZUMI
IT'S TERRIBLE
NIIGAKI-SENSEI HAS...!!!
THE SITUATION IS GETTING TENSE

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THE LAST TEST WAS A BATLE AGAINST AIKA'S GROUP, BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TEST, A BLACK OBJECT SUDDENLY ATTACKS AIKA...!!

M:66 THE WAYS TO ERASE MAGIC

FOR NOW, I HAVE TO FREE MY BODY!
MO!!!
THAT'S MAGIC FOR SURE BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S SOME MISCHIEVOUS TRICK FROM MIKUNI'S GROUP
THEN WHAT!?
Aika !!!
What's that?

IT'S NOT YOUR MAGIC, RIGHT?
HEY... LET'S MAKE A TRUCE!!
KUZUMI !!
IT'S TERRIBLE !!
IT'S NOT YOU?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
H-HUH ?
NIIGAKI-SENSEI SUDDENLY COLLAPSED !!
IT SEEMS THAT IT IS HIS CHRONIC CARDIAC DISEASE.
PROB-ABLY.
IS THAT IT?
I CALLED AN AMBULANCE.
BUT IT SEEMS HE LOST CONTROL OF THE MAGIC HE USED.

I CAN'T TELL FROM APPEARANCES EITHER.
JUST WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS THAT?
WHAT IS IT DOING!?
THAT'S WHY I'M PANICKING!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? IS AIKA REALLY ...?
HIIRAGI IS INSIDE THAT!!
WH ... WHAT !!?
NO YOU SEE
SENSEI, PLEASE GET HER OUT QUICKLY!
GEEZ I'M GOING.
I KNOW BUT
KUZUMI !! HURRY UP AND USE MO!
MY PLATE IS BEING REPAIRED I CAN'T USE MAGIC

AIKA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HAH ...
...EH? HEY!!
TALL TALL !!
WHERE IS IT GOING!?

AIKA——!!
IT MOVED!!
KUZUMI-KUN, HELP ME...
SOMEHOW... IT'S BEGINNING TO HURT...
KUZUMI!! QUICK, ERASE THAT THING!
AIKA IS IN DANGER!!
TO ERASE THE MAGIC AT THAT HEIGHT WOULD BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS.
HII-RAGI——!!!
I'M TELLING YOU I CAN'T!
AND INUI IS STILL INVISIBLE, WHICH MEANS SHE'S IN A STATE WHERE SHE CAN'T CAST HER MAGIC OUT
IF SHE FALLS LIKE THAT, SHE'LL JUST END UP HURT.

BUT, WHAT SHOULD I DO I DON'T HAVE TIME TO IDLE AROUND!
ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO GET BELOW THAT DARK THING.
!!?
I KNOW !!
THIS SHOULD DO!
MIKUNI ——!!
MAKE THAT BRANCH AS BIG AS A TREE.

UNDER-
STOOD.
BE CAREFUL WHICH DIRECTION IT FACES! AIM THE TIP AT THE GROUND!!
TALL TALL!!!
HOP.
THAT'S PERFECT !!
IF IT GOES WELL, WITH THIS...

JUST A BIT MORE...
HOP...
ALL RIGHT THERE'S SOME RESISTANCE
DADDY!! PLEASE SEIZE ME!!
M8
GOOD... IT'S GETTING CLOSER AS THE TREE BECOMES SMALLER
IF I KEEP ERASING THE MAGIC SLOWLY LIKE THIS...

A LITTLE MORE ---
HIIRAGI ~~~!!!
NO, FULL BURST !!!

KUZUMI!!
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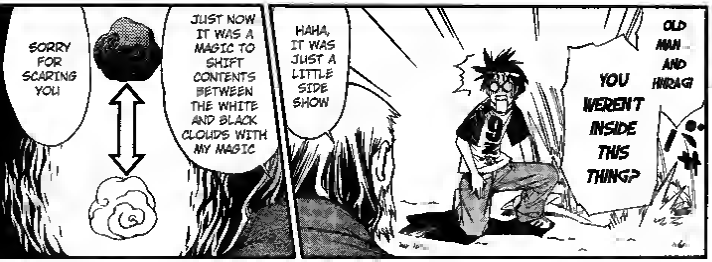
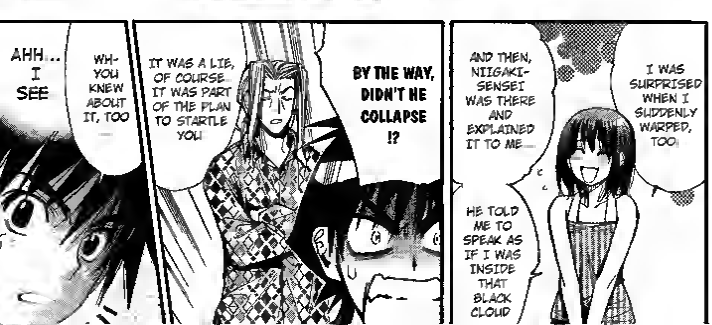
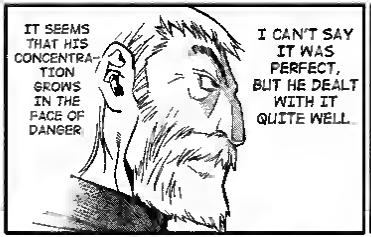
HIIRAGI... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

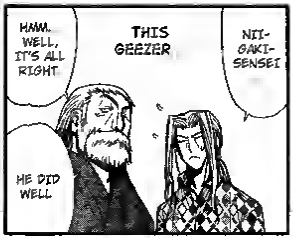
*NOTE. A DAKIMAKURA IS A "HUGGING PILLOW". A BODY-LENGTH PILLOW THAT YOU CAN HUG. MANY TYPES OF DAKIMAKURA COME WITH ANIME GIRL PRINTS.

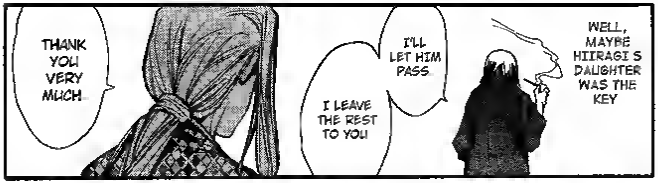

OLD MAN AND HIRAGI
YOU WEREN'T INSIDE THIS THING?
HAHA, IT WAS JUST A LITTLE SIDE SHOW
JUST NOW IT WAS A MAGIC TO SHIFT CONTENTS BETWEEN THE WHITE AND BLACK CLOUDS WITH MY MAGIC
SORRY FOR SCARING YOU

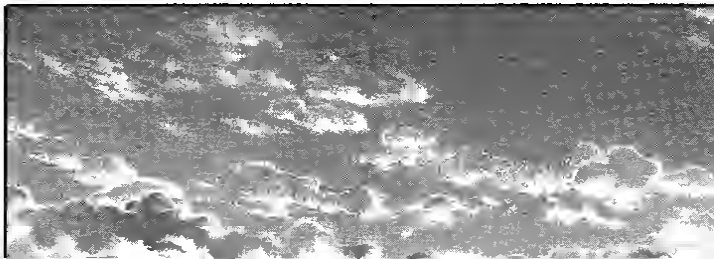

I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I SUDDENLY WARPED, TOO.
AND THEN, NIIGAKI-SENSEI WAS THERE AND EXPLAINED IT TO ME...
HE TOLD ME TO SPEAK AS IF I WAS INSIDE THAT BLACK CLOUD
BY THE WAY, DIDN'T HE COLLAPSE !?
IT WAS A LIE, OF COURSE. IT WAS PART OF THE PLAN TO STARTLE YOU
WH-YOU KNEW ABOUT IT, TOO ...
AHH... I SEE

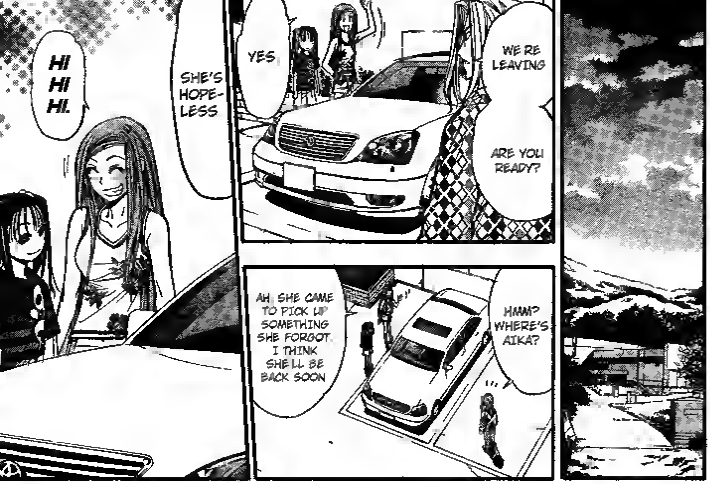
THAT'S MEAN, SENSEI WE HAD ALMOST WON.
HAHAHA, WELL, FORGIVE ME.
THIS... IT WAS PART OF THE TEST HE TESTED ME USING HIIRAGI AND THE OTHERS


IT SEEMS THAT HIS CONCENTRATION GROWS IN THE FACE OF DANGER.
I CAN'T SAY IT WAS PERFECT, BUT HE DEALT WITH IT QUITE WELL.


HMM. WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THIS GEEZER
NII-GAKI-SENSEI
HE DID WELL


THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
I'LL LET HIM PASS.
WELL, MAYBE HIIRAGI S DAUGHTER WAS THE KEY




HI HI HI.
SHE'S HOPELESS
YES.
WE'RE LEAVING
ARE YOU READY?
AH, SHE CAME TO PICK UP SOMETHING SHE FORGOT. I THINK SHE'LL BE BACK SOON
HMM? WHERE'S AIKA?

MY TRAINING DURING THESE THREE DAYS DIDN'T GO TO WASTE
ANYWAY, I'M RELIEVED THE TEST ENDED SAFELY

KUZUMI-KUN!!
I WANTED TO PROPERLY DELIVER MY FEELINGS.
I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS SINCE SOME TIME...
THE MOMENT SHE STOPPED KINDA MAKES ME DREAM
I'M FINALLY GOING TO KNOW WHAT SHE WANTED TO SAY YESTERDAY
AIKA IS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE BACK ENTRANCE.
WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HER DAD
THAT JUST LEAVES HIIRAGI

CRAP... WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU COME HERE.
THERE SHE IS ~~~!!
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
THE TRUTH IS, I...
YOU SEE ...
SINCE SOME TIME AGO,
I...
WAH ~~~ WAIT A MOMENT
I'M NOT READY FOR ~~~
WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU !!
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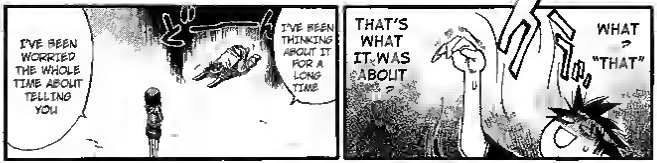
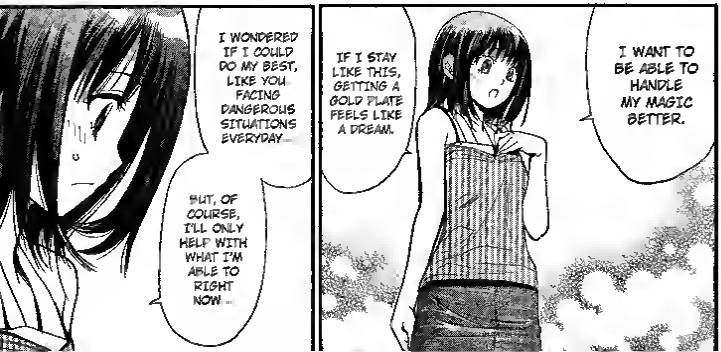
I... WANT TO WORK FOR THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HUUH !!?
I- I CAN'T? ...


WHAT ? "THAT"
THAT'S WHAT IT WAS ABOUT
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME
I'VE BEEN WORRIED THE WHOLE TIME ABOUT TELLING YOU

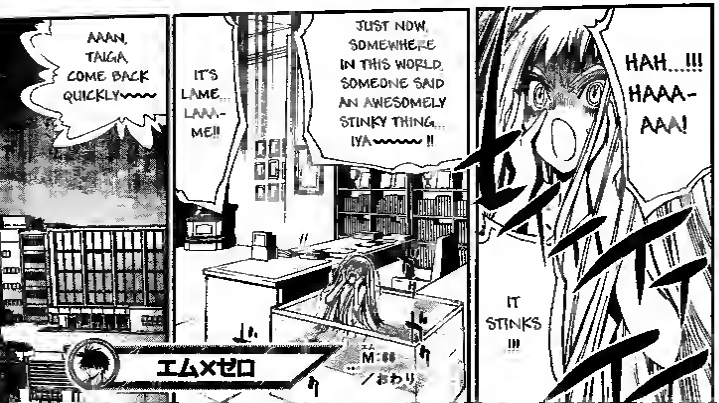

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE MY MAGIC BETTER.
IF I STAY LIKE THIS, GETTING A GOLD PLATE FEELS LIKE A DREAM.
I WONDERED IF I COULD DO MY BEST, LIKE YOU FACING DANGEROUS SITUATIONS EVERYDAY...
BUT, OF COURSE, I'LL ONLY HELP WITH WHAT I'M ABLE TO RIGHT NOW...

IT'S ALL RIGHT!! I'LL PROTECT MYSELF.
BUT, IT'S DANGEROUS WORK, YOU KNOW? YOU WILL FACE PEOPLE RELEASING THEIR ANGER ONTO YOU, FOR EXAMPLE.
I THINK YOU'D DO A GOOD JOB.
HAHA... I WAS ONLY IMAGINING GOOD THINGS ON MY OWN...
PITI-FUL ...

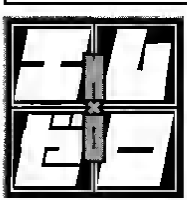
BUT, IT'S A SHAME HER IMPORTANT THING TO TALK ABOUT WASN'T ME
YEAH
REALLY? THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT!?
I SEE...
IF YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT TO THAT EXTENT I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY REASON TO REFUSE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
THANK YOU!! I'LL DO MY BEST TO NOT BE A BURDEN

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO PROTECT YOU.
I GET THE FEELING THAT I GOT A LITTLE CLOSER TO HIIRAGI.
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, I'LL DEFINITELY COME TO SAVE YOU.

THE TRAINING CAMP PERFECT (?) ENDING!!



THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESTARTS AFTER THE END OF THE HOLIDAYS!! WILL AIKA BECOME KUZUMI'S SUPPORT..!?



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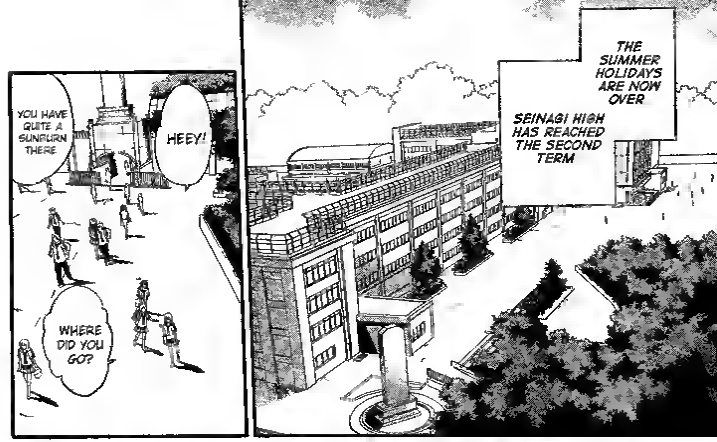
KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC. BUT IN THE SCHOOL HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, KUZUMI WENT TO A TRAINING CAMP IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN MO UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF NIIGAKI, A FORMER TEACHER AT SEINAGI HIGH, AND PASSED THE LAST TEST!
AND NOW, SEINAGI HIGH HEADS INTO THE SECOND TERM...

M:67 THE SECOND TERM STARTS


THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE NOW OVER
SEINAGI HIGH HAS REACHED THE SECOND TERM
HEEY!
YOU HAVE QUITE A SUNTURN THERE
WHERE DID YOU GO?

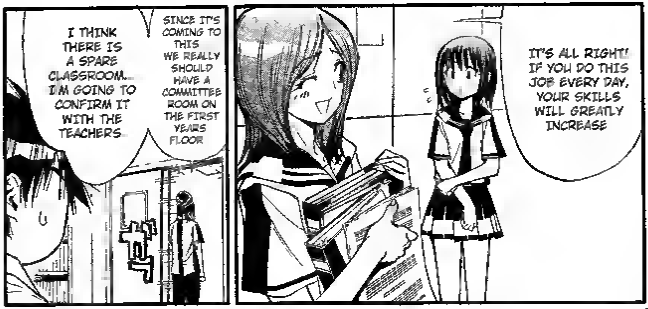
THERE'S ONE GIRL IN A SERIOUS MOOD...

GEEZ ~~~ THAT GUY, I ABSO-LUTELY...
HEY, BUT ISN'T THAT MIZUKI?
HAW!! KUZUMI!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. YOU LOOK GOOD.
WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE HOLI-DAYS?
K-KA...
KA HI ~~~ !!?
KYA ~~~~~ !!
HEW..? WHAT HAP-PENED?
WHAT'S UP WITH HER..?
HAH
HAH

DURING THE TIME WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER ~~~~ MY LOVE ROOOSE
MY- MY FACE IS ALL HOT ~~~... I'M LIKE BOILED OCTOPUS~
W-WH-WH- WHAT SHOULD I DO~~~ I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AT ALL, SO SEEING HIS FACE MADE MY TEMPERATURE RISE——
WH WHAT'S WITH HER?
I'M NOT IN LOVE, THAT'S NO JOKE!!
IT'S SO-SO
WHAT DO YOU THINK? I MADE THIS SONG DURING THE HOLIDAYS
HIIRAGI-SAN IS KUZUMI'S HELPER?
THE TROUBLES CAUSED BY BOYS ARE INCREASING
I WONDER IF THERE'LL BE MORE AND MORE REGULAR CONTROL?
BY THE WAY IT SEEMS HIIRAGI-SAN IS GOING TO BE KUZUMI'S HELPER
EHH? IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

I'M HIIRAGI AIKA. PLEASED TO MEET YOU!!
SHE'S GOING TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT ?
STUDENT COUNCIL BUILDING A
MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AH! COULD IT BE YOUTE HIIRAGI SENSEI'S DAUGHTER ?
YES.
I ALREADY SAID IT BEFORE.
BUT IF KUZUMI NEEDS HELP TO MANAGE THE FIRST YEARS, IT'S UP TO HIM TO DECIDE. I DON'T MIND.
BUT, OF COURSE IT'S HIS RESPONSIBILITY
BUT... IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...
YES, I UNDERSTAND
PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME
NORMALLY, YOU CAN'T PASS AS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER WITHOUT BEING JUDGED DURING A TEST PERIOD...
WELL, KUZUMI IS A SPECIAL CASE.

YES, I'M NOT TOO CONFIDENT WITH MY MAGIC YET SO THAT TITLE IS ENOUGH
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
SINCE YOU WON'T BE A MEMBER YOU'LL HAVE THE TITLE OF VOLUNTEER IN THE MEANTIME.


I THINK THERE IS A SPARE CLASSROOM... I'M GOING TO CONFIRM IT WITH THE TEACHERS
SINCE IT'S COMING TO THIS WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE A COMMITTEE ROOM ON THE FIRST YEARS FLOOR
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IF YOU DO THIS JOB EVERY DAY, YOUR SKILLS WILL GREATLY INCREASE

!!? I KNOW!
HEY!! THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON'T HAVE TO SHOW UP HERE!!
YOU HAVE THE DUTY REPORT!!

A ROOM JUST FOR HIIRAGI AND ME ?
IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT BAD
IS THAT GOING TO BE A ROOM JUST FOR US?

WHAT A STRANGE PLACE
DA—— DON'T CLING ON TO ME!
BE SURE TO COME WHEN I'M AROUND!!
GOT IT?

...THIS IS THE CLASS-ROOM?
THE BRANCH CHIEF GOT PERMISSION, SO WE CAN USE IT AS WE PLEASE
!!?
...Huh!? What's this?

EVEN WITH THIS, IT'S STILL OUR ANNEX
WELL, WE STILL HAVE TO DO IT
IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH TO CLEAN ALL THIS
THIS PLACE IS IN RUINS.
BY ANNEX, DOES THAT MEAN THEY'LL BE THE ONLY ONES TO USE IT? NO WAY
HEY, HEY IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE HIIRAGI BECAME KUZUMI'S HELPER
AH! FOR A SITUATION LIKE THIS...
IF I COME HERE AFTER SCHOOL, TOO, I CAN MAKE IT ALL CLEAN.
LEAVE THE CLEANING TO ME! THIS IS ALSO THE ASSISTANT'S DUTY!
BUT ALL THAT BIG TRASH WOULD BE TOUGH FOR A GIRL ALONE...

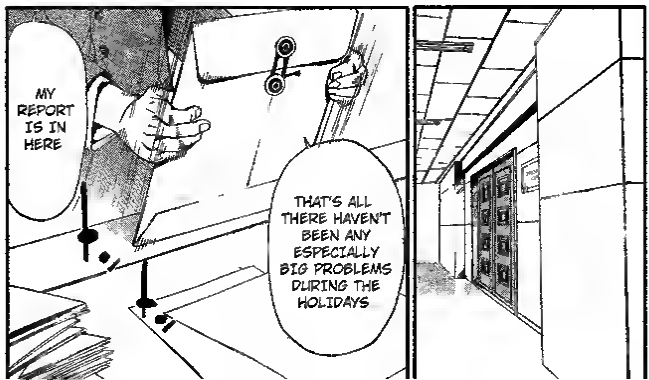
*NOTE: "HOWAITO CHARENJAA" IN JAPANESE "HOCCHA" FOR SHORT
HUH? IS THAT?
WHITE CHALLENGER MINI VERSION!!
WELL, LET'S CALL HIM "HOCCHA"* FOR SHORT.
IT'S A VERSION MADE FROM MAGIC INCENSE
THE OLD MAN GAVE IT TO ME WHEN I LEFT FUSHIKI ISLAND.
IT'S A GIFT FROM THE WATER GUN GAME.
IT WILL DISAPPEAR SOON, SO BEFORE THAT...

WOW— IT'S USEFUL
BUT HE DISAPPEARS AFTER THREE MINUTES.
AH! WHAT'S THAT ~~~~? THERE ARE VOICES COMING FROM OVER HERE! (MONOTONE VOICE)
MAYBE SOMEBODY IS THERE? (MONOTONE VOICE)
OH!? HIIRAGI AND COMPANY.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP, TOO?
(NOT KUZUMI) HIIRAGI-SAN!!
HEY, MIZUKI. YOU CAME AT THE PERFECT TIME.
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ASK YOU BEFORE.

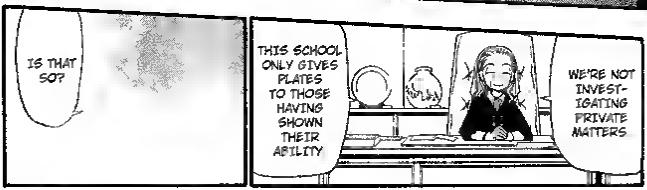
CHARGES WILL BE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S BUDGET SO I'M COUNTING ON YOU MIZUKI
WHY DO I HAVE TO WORK FOR YOUR SAKE?
IT'S THE RECIPE FOR THE MAGIC INCENSE TO CALL OUT HOCCHA.
COULD YOU MAKE IT SO THAT I CAN FIND IT AT THE DRUG MAKER CLUB AT ANY TIME?
TAKE THIS.
YOU'RE SO THOUGHTFUL MIZUKI—
I HAPPENED TO MAKE TEA
I CAN ENTER ANY TIME I WANT?
YOU'RE FREE TO ENTER ANY TIME YOU WANT.
THIS IS GOING TO BE OUR ROOM, SO PLEASE BRING THE MAGIC INCENSE HERE IF YOU CAN GET SOME
?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID
BUT IT'S ONLY BECAUSE IT'S THE CLUB'S JOB!! I'M NOT DOING IT FOR YOUR SAKE!!
I...I'LL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO IT ON MY OWN!
WELL, FINE. IT'S THE CLUB'S JOB AFTER ALL...

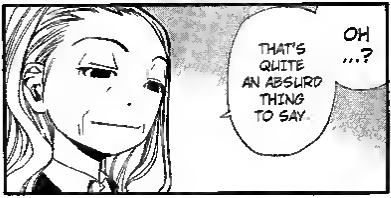
SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT THE STRANGE FEELING THAT I BARELY MADE IT IN TIME BY RUSHING IN AT THE LAST MINUTE...
PHEW...
NO, HUM ... I...
WAH~~~~!! IT'S AS IF MIZUKI-SAN HAS BECOME ONE OF US, TOO~~~~!!!
IT'S SO REASSURING LET'S DO OUR BEST TOGETHER!!
GEEZ~~~ WHY DID I HAVE TO GET IN SO HASTILY FOR SUCH A GUY~~~!?


MY REPORT IS IN HERE
THAT'S ALL THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY ESPECIALLY BIG PROBLEMS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ACTING AS THE SUBSTITUTE PRINCIPAL DURING THE HOLIDAYS
VICE-PRINCIPAL KAGAMI.
IT WAS NOTHING. AFTER ALL, IT'S MY JOB.
WELL, SINCE I'M ALWAYS IN THE THIRD YEAR BUILDING, I'M NOT VERY INFORMED ABOUT THE DETAILS, BUT...
THIS YEAR YOU SEEM TO ACT A BIT AT THE LIMIT OF THE REGULATIONS
LIKE FOR THIS TRANSFER STUDENT IN FIRST YEAR
KUZUMI
I THINK IT WAS
NO, IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY CARELESSNESS.
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.
BUT FOR YOU TO BE UNABLE TO USE MAGIC DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, BECAUSE YOUR PLATE WAS BROKEN, HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
WAS THERE REALLY NOTHING SPECIAL?

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF STUDENT HE COULD BE
TO HAVE A GOLD PLATE WHILE ONLY IN FIRST YEAR, OF COURSE,
HE MUST HAVE LEARNED MAGIC IN SOME OTHER MAGICAL ZONE BEFORE TRANSFERRING HERE


IS THAT SO?
THIS SCHOOL ONLY GIVES PLATES TO THOSE HAVING SHOWN THEIR ABILITY
WE'RE NOT INVEST-IGATING PRIVATE MATTERS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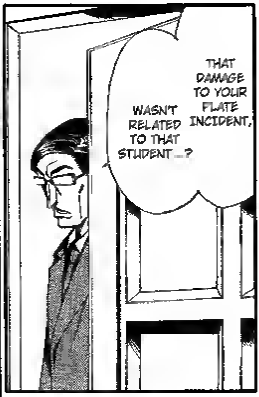
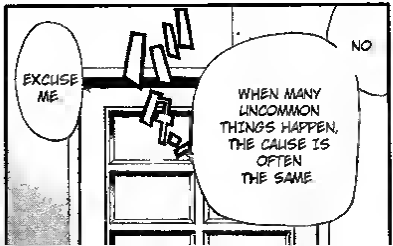
THAT'S QUITE AN ABSURD THING TO SAY.


THAT DAMAGE TO YOUR PLATE INCIDENT, WASN'T RELATED TO THAT STUDENT...?


NO
WHEN MANY UNCOMMON THINGS HAPPEN, THE CAUSE IS OFTEN THE SAME.
EXCUSE ME.

KUZUMI TAIGA...?
IT REALLY WOULD BE GOOD TO INVESTIGATE HIM.

NAME-ZUKA-SAN
WHERE ARE YOU?
!?
ばっ
STRANGE THE PLACE HE CALLED ME TO SHOULD BE HERE

NAMEZUKA-SAN!!
SO...? TODAY... WHAT DID YOU...?
YOU... YOU KNOW THE FIRST YEAR CALLED "KUZUMI", RIGHT?
KUZUMI? HE'S ONE OF OUR MEMBERS ...
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH HIM...?
SORRY TO HAVE YOU COME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TERM'S OPENING CEREMONY.
NOT REALLY... COMPARED TO THE THIRD YEARS
HOW'S IT GOING? IS THIS SIDE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSY?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST CAME TO THE FIRST AND SECOND YEARS BUILDING

!!?
HE'S AN INTERESTING PERSON BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL REPORTS ABOUT...
AN INCIDENT IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...!?
I'M THE ONE TO DECIDE WHAT'S NEEDED!
ALL RIGHT SPILL OUT EVERYTHING YOU KNOW
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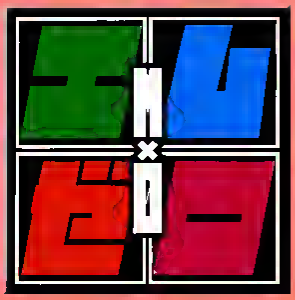

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